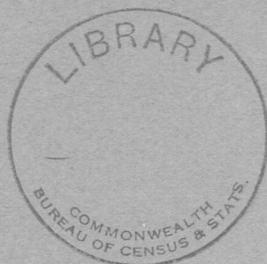


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(1. Comparative Table of Business)

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Period	Employment : Wage and Salary Earners (excluding rural workers, females in private domestic service, and defence forces) *			Wages and Salaries Paid (Weekly Average) *	New Houses and Flats : Private and Government	
	Males	Females	Persons		Approved	Completed
Year :	Number at end of period—thousands			£ thousand	Number of Dwelling Units	
				n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39	529.9	168.0	697.9			
1949-50	740.8	278.5	1,019.3	9,018	35,029	19,841
1950-51	758.2	291.0	1,049.2	11,385	37,988	20,737
1951-52	754.4	270.5	1,024.9	14,364	24,419	24,576
1952-53	734.3	266.2	1,000.5	15,090	23,156	26,554
1953-54	758.1	279.5	1,037.6	16,043	30,655	27,524
1954-55	779.2	292.5	1,071.7	17,357	29,883	29,583
1955-56	787.8	300.5	1,088.3	18,955	25,527	27,145
1955: July	776.9	293.0	1,069.9	18,454	2,198	7,187
Aug.	780.1	294.5	1,074.6		2,244	
Sept.	779.8	295.9	1,075.7		2,524	
Oct.	779.4	297.7	1,077.1	19,683	2,303	6,688
Nov.	784.1	301.5	1,085.6		2,292	
Dec.	786.1	303.4	1,089.5		1,880	
1956: Jan.	777.3	298.5	1,075.8	18,229	1,779	6,163
Feb.	786.7	300.9	1,087.6		1,847	
Mar.	785.8	301.1	1,086.9		2,006	
Apr.	787.8	300.4	1,088.2	19,453	1,794	7,107
May	788.6	300.7	1,089.3		2,453	
June	787.8	300.5	1,088.3		2,207	
July	786.1	299.5	1,085.6	19,613	2,340	5,582
Aug.	786.6	299.2	1,085.8		2,236	
Sept.	786.8	300.1	1,086.9		2,176	
Oct.	785.2	301.0	1,086.2	21,038	2,263	5,841
Nov.	790.6	304.0	1,094.6		2,252	
Dec.	791.6	304.7	1,096.3		1,653	
1957: Jan.	789.7	301.3	1,091.0		2,001	

Table No. :—		31.	37.		41.	43.	
Period		Wool Sold at Auction *	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only)		Major Private Trading Banks		Savings Bank Deposits
			Imports	Exports	Deposits	Advances	
Year		£ thousand	£A million, f.o.b.		At end of period—£ million		
1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1	120.5	87.5	
1949-50	107,714	214.0	216.6	394.0	166.2	258.9	
1950-51	228,204	301.7	325.6	467.9	197.9	284.5	
1951-52	105,261	426.8	193.9	413.6	276.0	304.5	
1952-53	151,348	206.9	249.5	448.6	243.7	319.1	
1953-54	144,795	277.9	249.3	483.1	281.6	339.8	
1954-55	122,999	343.5	207.6	475.6	342.5	358.6	
1955-56	115,699	334.2	217.2	450.8	329.7	386.7	
1955: July	01	22.5	17.2	467.6	348.7	360.4	
Aug.	3,317	29.3	13.2	462.4	342.7	358.9	
Sept.	13,299	28.8	13.9	455.3	343.8	359.5	
Oct.	12,132	29.4	17.6	460.4	348.3	362.2	
Nov.	17,065	31.3	22.3	468.5	347.1	361.8	
Dec.	7,113	24.3	21.6	475.4	341.3	364.1	
1956: Jan.	13,795	26.9	15.6	477.5	324.3	367.3	
Feb.	5,492	24.8	6.4	473.4	316.6	371.2	
Mar.	14,921	30.4	23.2	473.6	315.9	374.4	
Apr.	8,401	29.6	24.4	472.2	322.7	375.7	
May	11,254	31.1	26.6	460.3	328.4	376.7	
June	8,709	25.8	15.2	450.8	329.7	386.7	
July	265	25.7	13.0	445.8	333.9	390.3	
Aug.	5,881	31.2	15.8	446.0	329.0	394.7	
Sept.	16,770	23.4	17.9	446.9	325.4	359.7	
Oct.	19,748	24.3	27.0	455.2	325.8	403.2	
Nov.	21,018	24.2	27.8	471.8	325.5	405.5	
Dec.	12,692	23.3	25.2	487.8	324.8	406.2	
1957: Jan.	13,424	27.4	24.5	494.5	314.2	408.1	

* See notes to relevant table.

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to detailed tables herein

14.		18.	23.	23.	23.	Table No.
N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered	Coal Production	Electricity Generated	Ingot Steel Production	Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried					
Millions	Thousand tons	Number	Thousand tons	Mill. kWh.	Thousand tons	1938-39 : Year
186.7	14,679	28,335	9,987†	1,948	1,168‡	1938-39
258.2	15,890	61,656	11,290	3,758	1,266	1949-50
268.6	17,131	76,172	12,683	4,241	1,405	1950-51
268.2	18,528	67,448	14,800	4,628	1,473	1951-52
271.7	17,877	50,057	14,289	4,868	1,846	1952-53
278.9	19,351	64,993	15,011	5,450	2,086	1953-54
281.4	18,667	81,118	14,660	5,951	2,162	1954-55
280.5	18,056	82,172	14,631	6,495	2,329	1955-56
23.0	1,626	7,601	1,366	582	192	July: 1955
24.3	1,728	7,970	1,454	569	194	Aug.
22.7	1,619	8,033	1,383	533	185	Sept.
24.6	1,521	7,335	1,291	531	190	Oct.
22.6	1,583	7,513	1,329	528	188	Nov.
22.3	1,542	7,035	1,077	505	189	Dec.
23.8	1,154	4,950	638	493	193	Jan. : 1956
22.6	1,372	6,269	1,103	510	189	Feb.
23.2	1,407	7,207	1,101	542	198	Mar.
24.6	1,440	6,037	1,195	517	184	Apr.
23.4	1,566	6,531	1,369	591	214	May
23.4	1,498	5,691	1,325	594	213	June
22.7	1,618	6,327	1,449	634	226	July
21.1	1,701	6,408	1,473	621	203	Aug.
21.6	1,512	5,542	1,312	569	225	Sept.
24.7	1,695	6,605	1,467r	575	223	Oct.
21.4	1,650	6,778	1,424r	566	243	Nov.
21.4	1,322	5,619	988p	535	242	Dec.
21.8	1,250	5,469	882p	n.y.a.	256	Jan. : 1957

42.	46.	47.	52.	54.	55.	Table No.
Trading Banks : Debits to Customers' Accounts.*	Sydney Stock Exchange Share Values	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : Total " C " Series Index (Sydney)*	Basic Wage, Sydney (State Awards) Adult Males *	Period
Weekly Average —£ million.	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 100	Wtd. Av. for 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week	1938-39 : Year
n.a.	175.6	35,272	100	928	81s	1938-39
105	270.0	125,952	204	1504	135s	1949-50
145	334.1	192,311	244	1729	173s	1950-51
157	301.0	179,581	297	2140	216s	1951-52
152	253.1	143,909	319	2327	238s	1952-53
172	267.0	188,032	319	2384	243	1953-54
188	294.4	218,799	322	2398	243	1954-55
201	312.6	230,300	334	2493	255s	1955-56
202	325.6	21,974	333		243	July: 1955
187	324.0	22,956	332	2455	243	Aug.
194	317.3	16,757	333		243	Sept.
203	317.4	24,045	332		243	Oct.
216	312.8	19,357	330	2471	253	Nov.
214	313.9	17,017	329		253	Dec.
184	316.1	17,480	330		253	Jan. : 1956
187	314.2	19,160	329	¶	255	Feb.
200	307.9	19,000	338		255	Mar.
201	305.7	16,762	339		255	Apr.
218	301.1	18,352	344	¶	256	May
204	295.5	17,440	341		256	June
215	294.4	20,256	343		256	July
189	300.1	19,779	344	¶	263	Aug.
201	305.8	16,680	347		263	Sept.
222	308.2	22,268	344p		263	Oct.
226	304.6	18,137	342p	¶	274	Nov.
232	303.1	15,502	343p		274	Dec.
202	311.3	16,639	343p		274	Jan. : 1957

† Estimated.

‡ Year ended 31st May.

§ Operative from February.

¶ See Table 54.

7. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Principal Industrial Groups in N.S.W.

(See notes above Table 3.)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories †	Building and Con- struction	Transport and Com- munication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Profession- al and Personal Services ‡	Total Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Em- ployment*
Thousands									
MALES									
1939: July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.0	.....	44.0	529.9
1946: June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1	618.5
1952: June	31.6	274.7	76.1	115.2	22.0	47.3	49.0	67.2	754.4
1953: June	30.1	272.2	63.3	113.5	22.2	46.2	48.8	67.1	734.3
1954: June	30.9	283.8	69.3	114.0	22.5	48.3	50.6	67.6	758.1
1955: June	30.3	291.7	72.9	117.2	23.1	50.7	50.9	70.2	779.2
July	30.4	289.8	73.3	117.4	23.0	50.1	50.9	70.0	776.9
Aug.	30.3	292.5	72.5r	117.8r	23.0	50.6	50.8	70.4	780.1
Sept.	30.2	292.2	72.9r	117.3r	23.0	50.9	50.6	70.4	779.8
Oct.	30.0	292.7	72.8r	116.7r	22.9	51.0	50.7	70.4	779.4
Nov.	29.9	294.4	72.8	117.3	22.9	51.5	52.3	70.9	784.1
Dec.	29.6	294.4	71.4	117.5	23.3	51.8	54.6	71.4	786.1
1956: June	29.4	294.1	76.4	117.7	24.0	51.1	50.5	71.7	787.8
July	29.4	292.6	76.9	117.9	24.0	50.4	50.4	71.7	786.1
Aug.	29.8	292.9	76.6r	118.1r	23.9	50.8	50.3	71.5	786.6
Sept.	29.8	293.1	77.4r	117.0r	24.0	51.4	50.0	71.5	786.8
Oct.	29.7	293.0	76.2	116.8	23.9	51.2	50.2	71.8	785.2
Nov.	29.5	294.6r	77.5	116.8	24.0	52.0	51.8	72.0	790.6r
Dec.	29.5	294.6	76.6	116.7	24.2	51.8	53.5	72.4	791.6
FEMALES									
1939: July	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	.....	36.0	168.0
1946: June	0.2	82.3	0.9	13.0	10.1	10.9	39.1	73.3	242.3
1952: June	0.4	84.2	1.7	15.7	14.6	15.7	42.8	83.6	270.5
1953: June	0.3	86.0	1.8	14.0	14.2	15.1	41.0	82.2	266.2
1954: June	0.3	92.9	2.0	14.3	15.1	16.2	43.1	84.1	279.5
1955: June	0.3	96.5	2.1	15.1	16.8	17.4	44.8	87.3	292.5
July	0.3	96.5	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.3	45.2	87.3	293.0
Aug.	0.3	97.2	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.7	45.1	87.9	294.5
Sept.	0.3	98.0	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.6	45.5	88.2	295.9
Oct.	0.3	99.0	2.1	15.3	17.0	17.7	45.8	88.6	297.7
Nov.	0.3	98.9	2.1	15.7	17.0	18.0	48.3	89.2	301.5
Dec.	0.3	97.9	2.1	15.3	17.3	18.0	51.4	89.0	303.4
1956: June	0.4	97.5	2.3	15.7	18.5	17.7	45.5	90.3	300.2
July	0.4	96.9	2.3	15.7	18.4	17.8	45.4	90.1	299.5
Aug.	0.3	97.1	2.3	15.7	18.4	17.8	44.8	90.4	299.2
Sept.	0.3	97.8	2.3	15.6	18.4	17.8	44.9	90.6	300.1
Oct.	0.3	98.1	2.3	15.6	18.3	18.0	45.1	91.0	301.0
Nov.	0.3	98.2	2.3	15.8	18.5	18.1	47.3	91.3	304.0
Dec.	0.3	97.0	2.3	15.6	18.5	18.0	50.0	90.9	304.7
PERSONS									
1939: July	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	.....	80.0	697.9
1946: June	26.0	318.6	45.0	109.8	26.6	44.3	79.7	129.4	860.8
1952: June	32.0	358.9	77.8	130.9	36.6	63.0	91.8	150.8	1,024.9
1953: June	30.4	358.2	65.1	127.5	36.4	61.3	89.8	149.3	1,000.5
1954: June	31.2	376.7	71.3	128.3	37.6	64.5	93.7	151.7	1,037.6
1955: June	30.6	388.2	75.0	132.3	39.9	68.1	95.7	157.5	1,071.7
July	30.7	386.3	75.4	132.6	39.9	67.4	96.1	157.3	1,069.9
Aug.	30.6	389.7	74.6r	133.0r	39.9	68.3	95.9	158.3	1,074.6
Sept.	30.5	390.2	75.0r	132.5r	39.9	68.5	96.1	158.6	1,075.7
Oct.	30.3	391.7	74.9r	132.0r	39.9	68.7	96.5	159.0	1,077.1
Nov.	30.2	393.3	74.9	133.0	39.9	69.5	100.6	160.1	1,085.6
Dec.	29.9	392.3	73.5	132.8	40.6	69.8	106.0	160.4	1,089.5
1956: June	29.8	391.6	78.7	133.4	42.5	68.8	96.0	162.0	1,088.0
July	29.8	389.5	79.2	133.6	42.4	68.2	95.8	161.8	1,085.6
Aug.	30.1	390.0	78.9r	133.8r	42.3	68.6	95.1	161.9	1,085.8
Sept.	30.1	390.9	79.7r	132.6r	42.4	69.2	94.9	162.1	1,086.9
Oct.	30.0	391.1	78.5	132.4	42.2	69.2	95.3	162.8	1,086.2
Nov.	29.8	392.8r	79.8	132.6	42.5	70.1	99.1	163.3	1,094.6r
Dec.	29.8	391.6	78.9	132.3	42.7	69.8	103.5	163.3	1,096.3

*Including miscellaneous groups (72,300 males, 12,100 females, 84,400 persons in December 1956) not shown in the table. † From July, 1949, subject to revision. ‡ Includes Education, Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants and other Professional and Personal Services.

3. Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment in N.S.W.—Governmental and Private

(Excluding Rural Workers, Females in Private Domestic Service and Defence Forces.)

(1) Particulars in Tables 2 and 3 are estimates based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities.

(2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month.

(3) Workers in rural industry, females in private domestic service, members of the full-time defence forces at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded.

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Thousands									
1939 : July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943 : June	157.1	45.1	202.2	368.0	209.3	577.3	525.1	254.4	779.5
1945 : June	156.0	43.6	199.6	380.0	204.3	584.3	536.0	247.9	783.9
1946 : June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947 : June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948 : June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
1949 : May†	193.8	35.7	229.5	527.6	234.2	761.8	721.4	269.9	991.3
1950 : June	202.7	39.1	241.8	538.1	239.4	777.5	740.8	278.5	1,019.3
1951 : June	207.2	41.4	248.6	551.0	249.6	800.6	758.2	291.0	1,049.2
1952 : June	214.0	41.9	255.9	540.4	228.6	769.0	754.4	270.5	1,024.9
1953 : June	206.8	39.3	246.1	527.5	226.9	754.4	734.3	266.2	1,000.5
1954 : June	210.6	40.0	250.6	547.5	239.5	787.0	758.1	279.5	1,037.6
1955 : June	215.2	42.3	257.5	564.0	250.2	814.2	779.2	292.5	1,071.7
1955 : Aug.	215.2	42.7	257.9	564.9	251.8	816.7	780.1	294.5	1,074.6
1955 : Sept.	214.5	42.7	257.2	565.3	253.2	818.5	779.8	295.9	1,075.7
1955 : Oct.	214.0	42.7	256.7	565.4	255.0	820.4	779.4	297.7	1,077.1
1955 : Nov.	214.0	43.2	257.2	570.1	258.3	828.4	784.1	301.5	1,085.6
1955 : Dec.	215.1	42.8	257.9	571.0	260.6	831.6	786.1	303.4	1,089.5
1956 : Jan.	214.2	43.1	257.3	563.1	255.4	818.5	777.3	298.5	1,075.8
1956 : Feb.	215.0	43.9	258.9	571.7	257.0	828.7	786.7	300.9	1,087.6
1956 : Mar.	214.9	44.0	258.9	570.9	257.1	828.0	785.8	301.1	1,086.9
1956 : Apr.	215.2	43.9	259.1	572.6	256.5	829.1	787.8	300.4	1,088.2
1956 : May	216.1	44.1	260.2	572.5	256.6	829.1	788.6	300.7	1,089.3
1956 : June	216.7	44.2	260.9	571.1	256.0	827.1	787.8	300.2	1,088.0
1956 : July	217.4	44.6	262.0	568.7	254.9	823.6	786.1	299.5	1,085.6
1956 : Aug.	217.0	44.4	261.4	569.6	254.8	824.4	786.6	299.2	1,085.8
1956 : Sept.	215.1	44.2	259.3	571.7	255.9	827.6	786.8	300.1	1,086.9
1956 : Oct.	213.7	44.0	257.7	571.5	257.0	828.5	785.2	301.0	1,086.2
1956 : Nov.	214.1	44.1	258.2	576.5r	259.9	836.4r	790.6r	304.0	1,094.6r
1956 : Dec.	215.0	43.8	258.8	576.6	260.9	837.5	791.6	304.7	1,096.3

* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities.

† June, 1949, affected by an Industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

4. Employment in Larger Private Factories, New South Wales

In order to provide a prompt indication of the trend of employment in private factories, a survey of employment in 628 larger privately-owned factories in New South Wales is made each month, by joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Commonwealth Statistician. Approximately half of total factory employment is covered by the collection, the results of which are available one month earlier than particulars of total factory employment shown in Table 2.

Industrial Group	Larger Private Factories—Employment at end of Month								
	Males			Females			Persons		
	1956		1957	1956		1957	1956		1957
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Building Materials ...	13,438	13,434	12,966	1,486	1,466	1,423	14,924	14,900	14,389
Basic Metals ...	31,961	32,188	32,760	1,472	1,473	1,509	33,433	33,661	34,269
Transportation Equipment ...	17,656	17,601	17,846	1,771	1,752	1,741	19,427	19,353	19,587
Other Metal Manufacture ...	37,381	37,379	37,509	9,596	9,603	9,735	46,977	46,982	47,244
Chemicals and Allied Products ...	6,845	6,815	7,226	2,137	2,126	2,137	8,982	8,941	9,363
Clothing and Textiles ...	10,699	10,702	10,687	18,194	18,059	17,981	28,893	28,761	28,668
Food ...	13,651	13,717	13,906	5,749	5,965	6,075	19,400	19,682	19,981
All Other ...	17,752	17,664	17,790	5,227	5,185	5,356	22,979	22,849	23,146
Total—All Groups ...	149,383	149,500	150,690	45,632	45,629	45,957	195,015	195,129	196,647
Excluding Food	135,732	135,783	136,784	39,883	39,664	39,882	175,615	175,447	176,666

5. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.*

Year.	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †	Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡	Quarter	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit			
				1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
	£ thousand	£		£ thousand				£	£	£	£
1948-49	8,133	8.73	Sept. Qr.	15,654	16,765	18,454	19,613	16.01	16.60	17.79	18.75
1949-50	9,018	9.50	Dec. Qr.	16,753	17,918	19,683	21,038	16.87	17.53	18.83	20.01
1950-51	11,385	11.46	Mar. Qr.	15,303	16,511	18,229		15.33	16.07	17.46	
1951-52	14,364	14.24	June Qr.	16,463	18,235	19,453		16.38	17.64	18.57	
1952-53	15,090	15.50									
1953-54	16,043	16.15									
1954-55	17,357	16.96									
1955-56	18,955	18.16									

* Includes Australian Capital Territory. † Excludes pay of members of the armed forces. ‡ Total wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

6. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales*: Amount of Benefits Paid and Admissions to Unemployment Benefit

Period	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit during Period			Amount of Benefits Paid during Period			
	Males	Females	Persons	Unemployment	Sickness	Special †	Total
				£	£	£	£
Year: 1949-50‡	103,599	23,901	127,500	1,064,698	307,315	176,698	1,548,711
1950-51	5,605	601	6,206	25,324	296,418	50,303	372,045
1951-52	7,680	3,258	10,938	55,135	262,244	33,502	350,881
1952-53	76,668	11,972	88,640	2,686,297	546,432	72,932	3,305,661
1953-54	18,854	4,599	23,453	1,247,215	697,949	132,797	2,077,961
1954-55	5,152	2,475	7,627	254,558	676,148	126,650	1,057,356
1955-56	8,126	2,591	10,717	216,400	644,464	125,394	986,258
1955: December	537	165	702	8,607	52,942	9,765	71,314
1956: January	756	125	881	14,214	53,023	13,169	80,406
February	1,620	244	1,864	16,970	45,540	9,999	72,509
March	1,072	323	1,395	27,237	48,968	7,778	83,983
April	907	242	1,149	34,030	48,719	7,409	90,158
May	781	293	1,074	29,774	58,015	9,089	96,878
June	1,294	411	1,705	30,652	53,025	8,758	92,435
July	1,316	427	1,743	30,261	49,831	8,437	88,529
August	1,633	427	2,060	52,052	67,999	11,037	131,088
September	1,765	377	2,142	42,114	53,037	8,762	103,913
October	1,286	357	1,643	48,371	56,574	10,327	115,272
November	1,253	369	1,622	44,366	47,813	8,874	101,053
December	2,078	483	2,561	43,446	43,675	9,021	96,142
1957: January	1,723	308	2,031	56,729	46,231	10,346	113,306

* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Including payments to immigrants during training for employment.

‡ Affected by power restrictions occasioned by an industrial dispute.

7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales*: Number Receiving Benefits at End of each Month

Last Saturday of Month	Unemployment			Sickness	Special †	All Benefits
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons		
1955: December	649	317	966	2,864	683	4,513
1956: January	1,028	294	1,322	2,997	690	5,009
February	1,586	351	1,937	3,076	662	5,675
March	1,782	463	2,245	2,979	649	5,873
April	1,294	495	1,789	3,031	622	5,442
May	1,275	573	1,848	3,066	694	5,608
June	1,592	733	2,325	3,114	683	6,122
July	2,166	907	3,073	3,199	716	6,988
August	2,261	858	3,119	3,245	724	7,088
September	2,414	806	3,220	3,087	717	7,024
October	2,266	867	3,133	3,096	700	6,929
November	2,424	900	3,324	2,954	672	6,950
December	3,396	969	4,365	2,827	699	7,891
1957: January	3,407	896	4,303	2,819	701	7,823

* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Excluding immigrants.

8. Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
	Number	Thousands					
Year : 1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949	1,303	167	49	216	770	248	1,018
1950	1,694	221	138	359	294	325	619
1951	1,443	335	144	479	409	328	737
1952	1,297	194	181	375	274	485	759
1953	1,119	138	171	309	355	385	740
1954	1,132	166	88	254	256	278	534
1955	1,146	131	192	323	208	489	697
1956 : January	38	3	17	20	6	101	107
February	74	15	13	28	24	115	139
March	96	35	14	49	41	50	91
April	41	5	10	15	6	34	40
May	61	10	14	24	15	31	46
June	52	5	12	17	5	28	33
July	61	5	15	20	9	23	32
August	91	9	15	24	21	46	67
September	67	9	5	14	17	20	37
October	72	9	2	11	13	10	27
November	63	8	8	16	13	5	18
December	21	3	1	4	4	1	5
1957 : January	38	5	12	17	6	12	18

Monthly particulars are approximate.

9. Population, Migration, Births, Deaths and Marriages, New South Wales

Period	Estimated Population at end of Period*			Net Immigration	Live Births	Total Deaths	Deaths under 1 Year	Marriages
	Males	Females	Persons					
Year : 1948	1,523,810	1,524,496	3,048,306	16,235	67,234	30,403	2,037	30,164
1949	1,579,257	1,570,549	3,149,806	69,903	68,812	29,364	1,878	28,757
1950	1,627,618	1,613,439	3,241,057	58,399	71,592	30,965	1,936	30,036
1951	1,667,566	1,647,106	3,314,672	41,010	72,069	31,932	1,895	30,341
1952	1,695,899	1,672,087	3,367,986	18,043	74,196	32,038	1,818	29,351
1953	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	4,578	74,890	31,707	1,846	27,573
1954	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	15,977	73,125	32,444	1,850	27,503
1955	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	21,756	74,407	32,553	1,850	27,645
1953 : Dec. Qr.	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	6,950	18,510	7,922	485	7,524
1954 : Mar. Qr.	1,717,596	1,699,113	3,416,709	(-) 1,885	18,123	6,854	442	7,145
June Qr.	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	(-) 1,949	18,607	8,168	488	6,926
Sept. Qr.	1,728,003	1,711,157	3,439,160	7,302	18,326	9,997	485	5,989
Dec. Qr.	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	12,509	18,069	7,425	435	7,443
1955 : Mar. Qr.	1,747,737	1,732,093	3,479,830	5,772	18,639	6,894	447	6,900
June Qr.	1,753,041	1,737,290	3,490,331	464	18,511	8,474	470	7,293
Sept. Qr.	1,760,819	1,744,281	3,505,100	5,072	19,404	9,707	494	5,905
Dec. Qr.	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	10,448	17,853	7,478	439	7,547
1956 : Mar. Qr.	1,780,808	1,763,327	3,544,135	6,791	18,526	7,105	394	7,082
June Qr.	1,785,243	1,768,189	3,553,432	(-) 1,446	19,244	8,501	458	7,132
Sept. Qr.	1,792,167	1,775,978	3,568,145	5,875	19,318	10,460	500	5,698

(-) Denotes net emigration.

* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

The Estimated Population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) at 30th June, 1956, was 1,935,880 persons.

10. Mean Population of N.S.W. : Financial and Calendar Years*

Year	Year ended 30th June			Year ended 31st December		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948	1,500,934	1,500,728	3,001,662	1,510,297	1,509,761	3,020,058
1949	1,525,112	1,523,939	3,049,051	1,548,916	1,544,361	3,093,277
1950	1,577,252	1,568,447	3,145,699	1,602,498	1,590,710	3,193,208
1951	1,626,328	1,612,078	3,238,406	1,648,264	1,631,151	3,279,415
1952	1,665,975	1,645,865	3,311,840	1,682,305	1,659,171	3,341,476
1953	1,695,042	1,671,316	3,366,358	1,704,209	1,682,347	3,386,556
1954	1,712,508	1,692,906	3,405,414	1,723,012	1,705,476	3,428,488
1955	1,737,803	1,721,735	3,459,538	1,754,138	1,738,247	3,492,385
1956	1,770,560	1,753,819	3,524,379			

* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Note 1. "Value" represents the estimated cost of the building when completed (exclusive of the land).

2. Building is classified as "government" or "private" according to ownership.
3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.
4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

11. Value of Private and Government Building* Approved : Area of State

Period	Private	Government	Private and Government				
	Total, N.S.W.	Total, N.S.W.	Division of Cumberland			Rest of State	Total, N.S.W.
			Metropolis †	Balance †	Total		
				£ thousand			
Year : 1948	49,443	11,343	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786
1949	58,923	14,244	34,419	13,847	48,266	24,901	73,167
1950	82,118	17,375	45,276	19,655	64,931	34,562	99,493
1951	97,712	22,386	52,249	23,626	75,875	44,223	120,098
1952	66,404	12,252	32,607	16,311	48,918	29,738	78,656
1953	90,224	21,361	49,526	22,499	72,025	39,560	111,585
1954	110,448	20,051	80,702	3,267	83,969	46,530	130,499
1955	118,520	38,721	99,989	9,782	109,771	47,470	157,241
1956	114,891	33,260	95,935	9,968	105,903	42,248	148,151
1955: September	10,164	4,925	9,364	973	10,337	4,752	15,089
October	9,112	5,132	10,144	448	10,592	3,652	14,244
November	9,592	1,782	7,620	460	8,080	3,294	11,374
December	8,869	3,043	7,844	499	8,343	3,569	11,912
1956: September	8,640	5,242	7,910	273	8,183	5,699	13,882
October	9,074	2,899	8,087	322	8,409	3,564	11,973
November	10,215	2,362	9,546	405	9,951	2,626	12,577
December	6,742	1,250	4,984	208	5,192	2,800	7,992

* New buildings and alterations and additions combined. † Metropolis enlarged on 1st January, 1954, by transfer of 425 sq. miles from "Balance of Cumberland." Figures since January, 1954, are not comparable with those for earlier periods.

12. Value of Private and Government Building* Approved : Class of Building

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total
£ thousand							
DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND							
Year : 1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
1950	46,009	3,596	129	1,271	6,901	7,025	64,931
1951	47,801	3,589	500	1,533	9,725	12,727	75,875
1952	31,112	1,124	503	1,147	6,585	8,447	48,918
1953	49,258	973	1,324	2,608	4,762	13,100	72,025
1954	51,887	796	1,638	5,574	10,492	13,582	83,969
1955	52,846	1,703	2,060	4,131	20,528	28,503	109,771
1956	50,915	1,857	2,699	4,356	19,025	27,051	105,903
1955 : September	5,196	292	224	272	2,520	1,833	10,337
October	4,500	179	127	242	1,276	4,268	10,592
November	4,786	181	61	325	695	2,032	8,080
December	3,588	175	99	398	604	3,479	8,343
1956 : September	4,370	273	45	226	655	2,614	8,183
October	4,469	304	100	269	917	2,350	8,409
November	5,253	46	75	266	1,853	2,458	9,951
December	3,000	55	58	219	331	1,529	5,192

NEW SOUTH WALES

Year : 1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1950	70,063	4,379	359	2,336	8,619	13,737	99,493
1951	77,067	4,195	1,090	2,906	14,460	20,380	120,098
1952	52,853	1,353	1,227	2,018	8,159	13,046	78,656
1953	78,294	1,632	2,184	4,155	5,475	19,845	111,585
1954	82,210	1,612	3,346	7,726	12,064	23,541	130,499
1955	81,651	2,309	3,945	6,235	23,223	39,878	157,241
1956	75,997	2,353	4,241	6,067	21,952	37,541	148,151
1955 : September	7,512	357	468	375	2,737	3,640	15,089
October	6,725	240	421	497	1,362	4,999	14,244
November	6,938	211	152	443	754	2,876	11,374
December	5,654	196	201	550	984	4,327	11,912
1956 : September	6,387	305	155	327	1,959	4,749	13,882
October	6,546	348	239	449	980	3,411	11,973
November	6,931	70	120	361	2,075	3,020	12,577
December	4,972	88	112	328	480	2,012	7,992

* New buildings, alterations and additions combined.

13. New House and Flat Building, New South Wales : Number of Dwelling Units

Period	Houses				Flats				Houses and Flats			
	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced *	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *
PRIVATE												
Year : 1951	28,206	21,336	16,252	28,442†	1,091	732	790	849	29,297	22,068	17,042	29,291†
1952	17,827	18,449	19,634	27,257†	271	295	744	529	18,098	18,744	20,378	27,786†
1953	23,103	20,324	21,051	26,530†	393	306	555	271	23,496	20,630	21,606	26,801†
1954	24,254	22,205	22,145	26,590†	499	531	412	384	24,753	22,736	22,557	26,974†
1955	23,173	21,606	23,455	24,741†	651	499	406	451	23,824	22,105	23,861	25,192†
1956	21,049	20,065	20,181	24,625†	811	628	530	507	21,860	20,693	20,711	25,132†
1954 : Dec. Qr.	6,169	5,439	5,915	26,590†	148	125	188	384	6,317	5,564	6,103	26,974†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,514	5,217	5,350	26,457†	111	60	93	337	5,625	5,277	5,443	26,794†
June Qr.	6,144	5,398	6,285	25,570†	159	105	87	351	6,303	5,503	6,372	25,921†
Sept. Qr.	5,984	5,592	6,139	25,023†	210	146	111	384	6,194	5,738	6,250	25,407†
Dec. Qr.	5,531	5,399	5,681	24,741†	171	188	115	451	5,702	5,587	5,796	25,192†
1956 : Mar. Qr.	5,167	5,148	5,333	24,556†	139	176	113	510	5,306	5,324	5,446	25,066†
June Qr.	5,241	4,923	5,454	24,025†	222	172	98	584	5,463	5,095	5,552	24,609†
Sept. Qr.	5,613	5,053	4,579	24,499†	234	145	145	582	5,847	5,198	4,724	25,081†
Dec. Qr.	5,028	4,941	4,815	24,625†	216	135	174	507	5,244	5,076	4,989	25,132†

GOVERNMENT

Year : 1951	5,247	4,322	4,127	4,970	507	523	330	1,462	5,754	4,845	4,457	6,432
1952	843	2,931	5,250	2,651	(-)	25	236	635	1,063	818	3,167	5,885
1953	6,232	5,071	4,547	3,175	348	148	1,000	211	6,580	5,219	5,547	3,386
1954	4,511	5,448	6,031	2,592	265	422	273	360	4,776	5,870	6,304	2,952
1955	3,398	3,697	3,958	2,331	283	261	276	345	3,681	3,958	4,234	2,676
1956	3,026	2,957	3,573	1,715	120	129	409	65	3,146	3,086	3,982	1,780
1954 : Dec. Qr.	1,129	1,001	1,765	2,592	93	146	98	360	1,222	1,147	1,863	2,952
1955 : Mar. Qr.	307	701	1,068	2,225	9	24	98	286	316	725	1,166	2,511
June Qr.	1,679	857	1,204	1,878	141	137	35	388	1,820	994	1,239	2,266
Sept. Qr.	700	1,257	861	2,274	72	48	76	360	772	1,305	937	2,634
Dec. Qr.	712	882	825	2,331	61	52	67	345	773	934	892	2,676
1956 : Mar. Qr.	296	523	658	2,196	30	58	59	344	326	581	717	2,540
June Qr.	979	713	1,418	1,491	12	39	137	246	991	752	1,555	1,737
Sept. Qr.	845	851	755	1,587	60	...	103	143	905	851	858	1,730
Dec. Qr.	906	870	742	1,715	18	32	110	65	924	902	852	1,780

PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT

Year : 1951	33,453	25,658	20,379	33,412†	1,598	1,255	1,120	2,311	35,051	26,913	21,499	35,723†
1952	18,670	21,380	24,884	29,908†	246	531	1,379	1,592	18,916	21,911	26,263	31,500†
1953	29,335	25,395	25,598	29,705†	741	454	1,555	482	30,076	25,849	27,153	30,187†
1954	28,765	27,653	28,176	29,182†	764	953	685	744	29,529	28,066	28,861	29,926†
1955	26,571	25,303	27,413	27,072†	934	760	682	796	27,505	26,063	28,095	27,868†
1956	24,075	23,022	23,754	26,340†	931	757	939	572	25,006	23,779	24,693	26,912†
1954 : Dec. Qr.	7,298	6,440	7,680	29,182†	241	271	286	744	7,539	6,711	7,966	29,926†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,821	5,918	6,418	28,682†	120	84	191	623	5,941	6,002	6,609	29,305†
June Qr.	7,823	6,255	7,489	27,448†	300	242	122	739	8,123	6,497	7,611	28,187†
Sept. Qr.	6,684	6,849	7,000	27,297†	282	194	187	744	6,966	7,043	7,187	28,041†
Dec. Qr.	6,243	6,281	6,506	27,072†	232	240	182	796	6,475	6,521	6,688	27,868†
1956 : Mar. Qr.	5,463	5,671	5,991	26,752†	169	234	172	854	5,632	5,905	6,163	27,606†
June Qr.	6,220	5,636	6,872	25,516†	234	211	235	830	6,454	5,847	7,107	26,346†
Sept. Qr.	6,458	5,904	5,334	26,086†	294	145	248	725	6,752	6,049	5,582	26,811†
Dec. Qr.	5,934	5,811	5,557	26,340†	234	167	284	572	6,168	5,978	5,841	26,912†

* At end of period. Includes some private houses on which work has been suspended or abandoned. † Partly estimated.
 ‡ "Private approved"—local government permits to build. "Government approved"—contracts let and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities. Statistics of dwellings approved are available monthly; figures for current months are as follows:—

Ownership	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
New Houses and Flats Approved : Number of Dwelling Units.													
Private	1955	1,584	1,954	2,087	1,849	2,196	2,258	1,969	2,054	2,171	2,029	2,019	1,654
	1956	1,609	1,823	1,874	1,539	2,117	1,807	2,050	1,998	1,799	1,827	1,918	1,499
Gov'tment	1955	112	66	138	429	438	953	229	190	353	274	273	226
	1956	170	24	132	255	336	400	290	238	377	436	334	154
Total	1955	1,696	2,020	2,225	2,278	2,634	3,211	2,198	2,244	2,524	2,303	2,292	1,880
	1956	1,779	1,847	2,006	1,794	2,453	2,207	2,340	2,236	2,176	2,263	2,252	1,653

(-) denotes excess of contracts cancelled over contracts let.

14. New South Wales Government Railways : Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Earnings*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons		£ thousand	
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603
1949-50	258,183	15,890 *	40,122‡	39,281	841
1950-51	268,567	17,131	49,448	49,168	280
1951-52	268,168	18,528	68,910	64,020	4,890
1952-53	271,698	17,877	72,676	66,452	6,224
1953-54	278,904	19,351	74,569	67,397	7,172
1954-55	281,417	18,667	73,361	68,397	4,964
1955-56	280,470	18,056	75,386	74,904	482
1955: July-Dec.	139,417	9,620	38,372	36,041	2,331
1956: July-Dec.	132,996	9,498	40,561	38,576	1,985
1955: September	22,735	1,620	6,718	6,011	707
October	24,613	1,521	6,365	6,020	345
November	22,552	1,583	6,555	5,980	575
December	22,252	1,542	6,253	6,189	64
1956: September	21,628	1,512	6,882	6,345	537
October	24,685	1,695	7,302	6,515	787
November	21,408	1,650	6,928	6,291	637
December	21,397	1,322	6,071	6,453	(-) 382

* Excludes grants from Consolidated Revenue (£1,800,000 in 1955-56). † Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc.; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included. ‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

15. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses : Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
	£ thousand				
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1949-50	4,792	4,307	9,099†	9,538	(-) 439
1950-51	5,162	5,110	10,272	11,201	(-) 929
1951-52	5,510	5,680	11,190	13,807	(-) 2,617
1952-53	5,690	5,836	11,526	14,240	(-) 2,714
1953-54	5,542	6,033	11,575	13,631	(-) 2,056
1954-55	5,227	6,248	11,475	13,657	(-) 2,182
1955-56	4,704	6,363	11,067	14,017	(-) 2,950
1955: July-Dec.	2,347	3,164	5,511	6,906	(-) 1,395
1956: July-Dec.	3,132	4,093	7,225	7,278	(-) 53
1955: September	371	553	924	1,131	(-) 207
October	418	555	973	1,171	(-) 198
November	390	488	878	1,152	(-) 274
December	354	484	838	1,089	(-) 251
1956: September	488	688	1,176	1,198	(-) 22
October	511	720	1,231	1,242	(-) 11
November	511	711	1,222	1,198	24
December	652	578	1,230	1,232	(-) 2

* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation.

† Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

16. Port of Sydney : Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
	Thousand tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)							
Year: 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1951-52	4,236	1,155	903	533	1,837	116	6,976	1,804
1952-53	2,452	1,255	871	675	1,881	92	5,204	2,022
1953-54	3,166	1,433	948	798	2,028	62	6,142	2,293
1954-55	3,687	1,331	987	700	2,000	46	6,674	2,077
1955-56	3,109	1,529	1,073	573	2,282	26	6,464	2,128
1955: Dec. Qr.	853	365	276	149	650	2	1,779	516
1956: Mar. Qr.	697	302	218	104	464	17	1,379	423
June Qr.	759	513	273	132	576	6	1,608	651
Sept. Qr.	682	340	257	139	636	3	1,575	482
Dec. Qr.	645	411	246	125	607	6	1,498	542

17. Motor Vehicles on the Register* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omni-buses	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,312
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1951 : June	308,294	3,363	4,159	181,529	497,345	46,851	28,131	9,328	581,655
1953 : June	360,573	3,417	4,471	199,870	568,331	45,100	34,173	11,413	659,017
1954 : June	393,951	3,457	4,446	210,142	611,996	42,451	37,853	13,136	705,436
1955 : June	437,372	3,566	4,524	223,676	669,138	39,787	42,356	15,304	766,585
1956 : June	478,833	3,586	4,564	238,823	725,806	37,039	48,117	17,819	828,781
1955 : Sept.	450,133	3,575	4,557	227,963	686,228	39,107	43,483	15,920	784,738
Oct.	454,170	3,583	4,565	229,311	691,629	39,051	43,974	16,210	790,864
Nov.	458,279	3,583	4,571	231,083	697,516	38,909	44,469	16,526	797,420
Dec.	462,663	3,576	4,582	232,739	703,560	38,813	45,707	16,732	804,812
1956 : Sept.	486,888	3,588	4,614	241,706	736,796	36,721	49,344	18,454	841,315
Oct.	489,977	3,596	4,629	243,727	741,929	36,780	49,949	18,719	847,377
Nov.	492,955	3,602	4,622	244,899	746,078	36,779	50,504	18,982	852,343
Dec.	495,988	3,616	4,633	245,867	750,104	36,646	51,632	19,151	857,533

* Excludes defence vehicles. † Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

18. New Motor Vehicles Registered* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omni-buses‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1949-50	41,163	133	212	20,158	61,666	8,659	5,004	75,329
1950-51	46,689	323	84	29,076	76,172	8,855	5,578	90,605
1951-52	41,426	267	127	25,628	67,448	6,018	5,779	79,245
1952-53	30,989	509	123	18,436	50,057	3,042	5,653	58,752
1953-54	43,174	445	117	21,257	64,993	2,964	6,216	74,173
1954-55	55,944	339	59	24,776	81,118	3,437	7,544	92,099
1955-56	55,773	468	18	25,913	82,172	2,971	8,237	93,380
1955 : July-Dec.	31,527	220	10	13,730	45,487	1,616	4,518	51,621
1956 : July-Dec.	25,586	178	28	11,487	37,279	1,387	4,762	43,428
1955 : Sept.	5,630	48	2	2,353	8,033	271	652	8,956
Oct.	5,025	41	1	2,268	7,335	266	653	8,254
Nov.	5,112	35	2	2,364	7,513	320	749	8,582
Dec.	4,814	34	1	2,186	7,035	254	1,303	8,592
1956 : Sept.	3,779	30	3	1,730	5,542	188	595	6,325
Oct.	4,544	23	4	2,034	6,605	271	767	7,643
Nov.	4,653	20	4	2,101	6,778	249	935	7,962
Dec.	4,023	20	7	1,569	5,619	236	1,247	7,102

* Excludes defence vehicles. † Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts. ‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only. § Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

19. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities, and Vans				
	Aus-tralia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	Aus-tralia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
Year :	Proportion per cent.					Proportion per cent.				
1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	...	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	...	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1949-50	11.7	77.2	7.9	3.2	41,163	...	72.0	27.4	0.6	20,158
1950-51	16.5	67.5	10.1	5.9	46,689	1.9	75.8	21.7	0.6	29,076
1951-52	19.3	62.2	11.8	6.7	41,426	7.9	63.7	26.8	1.6	25,628
1952-53	32.3	50.1	14.5	3.1	30,989	18.8	49.8	29.4	2.0	18,436
1953-54	29.3	53.1	14.2	3.4	43,174	19.8	49.0	29.2	2.0	21,257
1954-55	25.8	57.4	10.8	6.0	55,944	24.1	47.3	25.6	3.0	24,776
1955-56	28.5	49.9	12.3	9.3	55,773	23.8	45.5	26.2	4.5	25,913
1955 : July-Dec.	26.9	52.3	12.6	8.2	31,527	23.9	46.8	25.4	3.9	13,730
1956 : July-Dec.	37.5	43.3	6.8	12.4	25,586	28.5	39.5	26.3	5.7	11,487
1955 : Sept.	26.8	51.8	13.1	8.3	5,630	24.0	47.8	25.7	2.5	2,353
Oct.	26.7	49.9	13.9	9.5	5,025	23.0	43.9	29.0	4.1	2,268
Nov.	28.6	49.3	14.1	8.0	5,112	23.9	45.2	26.8	4.1	2,364
Dec.	26.7	50.9	14.7	7.7	4,814	22.2	43.7	28.6	5.5	2,186
1956 : Sept.	39.6	42.4	5.3	12.7	3,779	28.1	39.4	26.8	5.7	1,730
Oct.	35.1	44.1	8.7	12.1	4,544	31.8	36.4	26.1	5.7	2,034
Nov.	34.1	44.9	8.4	12.6	4,653	33.0	33.9	27.4	5.7	2,101
Dec.	35.7	44.7	7.2	12.4	4,023	30.3	37.6	26.8	5.3	1,569

20. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks	Last Day of Period (1957 Dates)	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Thousand tons								
1st*	Jan. 19	442	622	604	605	304	291	306p
2nd	Feb. 16	876	1,134	1,135	1,151	1,194	1,037	1,216p
3rd	Mar. 16	888	1,292	1,139	1,217	1,036	1,046	
4th	Apr. 13	1,052	1,158	1,008	1,134	1,098	1,018	
5th	May 11	980	1,171	931	1,119	1,164	1,146	
6th	June 8	1,052	1,147	999	1,285	1,222	1,196	
7th	July 6	1,168	1,236	1,052	1,155	1,203	1,317	
8th	Aug. 3	1,158	1,177	1,309	1,201	1,295	1,333	
9th	Aug. 31	1,174	1,240	1,247	1,221	1,249	1,269	
10th	Sept. 28	1,205	1,287	1,242	1,246	1,274	1,312	
11th	Oct. 26	1,255	1,267	1,232	1,257	1,246	1,278	
12th	Nov. 23	1,222	1,272	1,284	1,211	1,202	1,279r	
13th*	Dec. 21	1,041	1,019	992	1,281	1,249	1,322	
Year: Underground		11,224	12,492	12,452	13,703	13,835	14,035r	
Open Cut ...		2,289	2,530	1,722	1,380	901	809r	
Total ...		13,513	15,022	14,174	15,083	14,736	14,844r	

EIGHT WEEKS ENDED—

	Feb. 24	Feb. 23	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 19	Feb. 18	Feb. 16
Northern District ...	839	1,096	1,105	1,105	955	796	915p
Southern District ...	261	315	360	399	347	375	448p
Western District ...	218	345	274	252	196	157	159p
Underground ...	1,114	1,424	1,515	1,578	1,390	1,271	1,457p
Open Cut ...	204	332	224	178	108	57	65p
Total ...	1,318	1,756	1,739	1,756	1,498	1,328	1,522p

*Miners' mid-summer holidays:

	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
In 1st Period ...	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
In 13th Period	1 week	1 week	1 week	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

21. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	100	221	235	251	252	275	281	299
February	100	241	240	258	263	277	297	318
March	100	238	235	253	264	285	298	308
April	100	226	243	249	256	273	281	306
May	100	237	240	253	261	286	300	320
June	100	232	245	250	274	300	313	332
July	100	214	253	254	276	296	311	333
August	100	234	255	248	273	296	311	337
September	100	236	248	251	276	304	305	330
October	100	238	255	254	279	294	299	325
November	100	246	265	256	283	303	313	329
December	100	236	246	265	282	299	305	312
Year	100	233	247	253	270	291	302	321

MONTHLY PRODUCTION, NEW SOUTH WALES

Statistics for 1954-55 are final, but all figures from July, 1955, are subject to revision.

22. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter *	Cheese *	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham *	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables	Ice Cream
	Thousand lb.							Thous. gal.
Year: 1950-51	76,873	6,630	45,827	28,157	31,096	35,743	32,130	7,711
1951-52	52,501	4,469	38,577	27,911†	29,260	48,106	37,823	7,937
1952-53	83,076	7,084	54,451	29,509	20,095	37,118	35,880	5,322
1953-54	66,557	7,191	50,233	26,499	23,800	52,592	19,603	5,525
1954-55	86,661	5,617	26,580	26,218	22,377	46,867	22,967	6,050
1955-56p	91,984	7,595	39,691	25,392	22,769	40,567	32,704	6,230
1955: July-Dec.	46,644	3,642	20,447	14,677	10,089	5,357	15,659	3,055
1956: July-Dec.	37,692	4,560	22,764	12,632	9,048	1,852	14,927	3,257
1955: September	6,443	544	3,985	2,182	1,813	542	1,168	548
October	9,622	755	4,003	2,010	1,030	586	2,492	530
November	11,019	853	4,110	2,959	1,052	176	5,211	657
December	11,744	847	3,352	3,327	1,988	3,263	3,427	681
1956: September	5,148	614	3,678	1,624	1,575	260	1,486	468
October	8,180	914	4,503	2,039	1,164	339	1,908	630
November	8,422	1,107	4,764	2,523	1,010	190	3,915	684
December	8,613	1,102	3,968	2,978	1,007	644	4,117	761

Period	Flour (Wheat)	Bran (Wheat)	Pollard (Wheat)	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Biscuits †	Confectionery		Beer
	Tons (2,000 lb.)			Cwt.	Thous. lb.	Thousand lb.		Thous. gal.
Year: 1950-51	677,682	112,744	146,879	179,891	67,725	25,766	34,900	61,966
1951-52	563,325	97,733	131,498	203,440	76,732	23,243	36,894	66,799
1952-53	521,957	84,221	125,575	198,345	73,432	20,829	35,673	72,672
1953-54	581,547	91,374	135,115	194,737	73,543	21,803	33,963	79,943
1954-55	561,233	96,036	126,605	216,557	73,090	19,797	35,981	88,081
1955-56p	548,880	86,285	119,030	246,289	76,478	21,195	36,551	94,782
1955: July-Dec.	272,689	42,882	57,774	124,741	39,856	9,177	19,383	48,776
1956: July-Dec.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	160,876	40,343	10,360	21,276	47,858
1955: September	39,697	6,366	8,166	21,959	7,270	1,584	3,161	8,113
October	47,652	7,777	10,002	19,703	5,936	1,252	3,650	8,962
November	50,138	8,153	10,898	21,758	6,269	1,252	3,586	8,915
December	48,228	7,667	10,526	15,839	6,435	883	2,793	8,954
1956: September	55,899	8,890	12,469	28,731	6,037	1,675	3,273	6,983
October	52,170	8,064	11,982	27,220	6,234	1,820	4,092	9,044
November	54,739	8,539	12,222	28,996	7,223	1,699	4,058	9,084
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	21,074	7,233	1,195	3,025	9,569

* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.

‡ From July, 1951, the production of pressed ham and canned bacon and ham was changed from "bone-out" to a "bone-in" weight basis.

23. Production of Metals, Coal and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingot Steel	Gas	Electricity
	Fine oz.	Thousand tons				Mill. cub. ft.	Mill. kWh
Year: 1950-51	52,714	12,683	1,488	1,158	1,405	19,444	4,241
1951-52	40,761	14,800	1,607	1,219	1,473	20,537	4,628
1952-53	32,040	14,289	1,866	1,541	1,846	20,216	4,868
1953-54	31,913	15,011	1,987	1,621	2,086	20,802	5,450
1954-55	27,750	14,660	2,029	1,669	2,162	21,360	5,951
1955-56p	30,159	14,631	2,053	1,777	2,329	21,873	6,495
1955: July-Dec.	16,317	7,900	980	866	1,138	11,244	3,248
1956: July-Dec.	14,909	8,070	1,135	924	1,360	11,698	3,500
1955: September	2,712	1,383	158	136	185	1,854	533
October	2,540	1,291	162	147	190	1,764	531
November	2,885	1,329	163	150	188	1,685	528
December	2,592	1,077	162	148	189	1,644	505
1956: September	2,370	1,312	185	159	225	1,979	569
October	2,646	1,468	196	136	223	1,887	575
November	2,687	1,425	189	168	243	1,752	566
December	2,747	988	187	171	242	1,641	535

* Monthly totals are approximate.

24. Production of Textiles and Clothing

Period	Yarn				Woven Cloth			
	Woollen (Pure)	Worsted (Pure)	Cotton (Pure)	Other Yarn	Woollen (Pure)	Worsted (Pure)	Cotton (Pure)	Other Cloth
	Thousand lb.				Thousand sq. yds.			
Year : 1950-51	3,839	8,218	16,346	n.a.	2,321	10,929	13,044	8,019
1951-52	3,186	6,457	15,700	219	1,176	9,281	13,093	6,890
1952-53	2,425	6,034	14,043	1,403	1,872	7,802	11,154	8,507
1953-54	3,287	5,976	18,161	4,215	2,194	8,020	15,508	11,828
1954-55	3,020	6,009	19,168	8,484	1,260	7,394	15,974	9,158
1955-56p	3,066	5,867	19,253	12,037	1,013	7,397	16,787	9,178
1955: July-December	1,528	3,029	9,767	5,833	486	3,825	8,226	4,176
1956: July-December	1,426	3,032	10,033	7,208	586	3,411	8,279	6,304
1955 : September	304	509	1,640	983	72	688	1,400	643
October	221	496	1,598	994	75	630	1,436	647
November	281	593	1,820	1,036	105	648	1,483	745
December	212	361	1,238	876	70	422	988	579
1956 : September	222	485	1,652	1,174	108	553	1,379	1,108
October	255	613	1,895	1,296	104	670	1,532	1,168
November	283	526	1,666	1,257	103	568	1,409	1,179
December	168	412	1,205	1,090	64	373	1,028	787

Period	Hosiery		Corsets (incl. roll-on girdles)	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes and Sandals*	Slippers	
	Women's, Maids* and Girls*	Other			Dress	Work*			
	Dozen pairs		Dozen		Dozen pairs		Thousand pairs		
Year :	1950-51	465,854	423,477	46,880	168,814	14,277	125,834	6,287	2,755
	1951-52	463,596	376,536	48,120	163,163	15,362	151,555	6,675	2,465
	1952-53	565,016	337,153	40,970	148,727	21,761	112,503	6,229	2,461
	1953-54	610,178	442,305	57,020	178,604	27,740	147,326	7,272	2,978
	1954-55	641,205	415,010	50,398	159,144	14,707	184,009	7,008	2,098
	1955-56p	595,696	365,107	57,333	164,339	17,073	192,335	6,828	2,296
	1955: July-December	292,602	183,636	27,781	82,865	8,342	112,043	3,683	1,249
	1956: July-December	337,010	230,029	27,371	75,933	10,989	91,344	4,032	799
	1955 : September	48,504	29,422	4,449	13,581	1,509	17,839	674	226
	October	51,341	27,956	4,906	13,670	1,392	17,404	616	227
	November	65,960	37,123	5,619	15,099	1,598	19,176	683	207
	December	43,506	21,698	3,901	12,917	980	14,698	455	162
	1956 : September	52,419	36,057	4,102	11,364	1,985	15,355†	684	182
	October	65,299	42,523	5,077	14,033	1,859	18,413	746	205
	November	64,003	41,182	4,645	12,790	2,086	16,858	753	173
	December	42,520	31,093	3,724	11,072	1,485	11,929	446	126

Period	Men's and Youths' Outer Clothing					Cardigans, Pullovers (Knitted)	
	3-Piece Suits	2-Piece Suits	Sports Coats and Blazers	Sports Trousers	Overcoats and Raincoats†	Men's, Youths' and Boys'	Women's, Maids* and Girls*
	Number					Dozen	
Year : 1950-51	116,836	301,805	253,808	1,314,067	135,243	78,434	95,164
1951-52	69,491	273,081	205,672	1,127,600	129,793	66,579	101,258
1952-53	43,466	241,402	173,653	947,725	93,945	56,828	89,279
1953-54	35,026	282,435	251,748	1,168,169	70,117	89,409	139,990
1954-55	33,294	285,979	277,077	1,210,723	50,603	94,462	138,950
1955-56p	19,735	301,849	248,492	1,363,750	52,570	86,497	135,147
1955 : July-Dec.	11,775	164,993	127,524	716,125	22,740	30,031	60,506
1956 : July-Dec.	8,833	158,196	143,345	657,634	18,383	38,273	69,792
1955 : September	2,010	28,366	24,727	127,129	3,702	4,455	9,641
October	1,978	25,812	21,566	117,073	3,234	4,216	8,637
November	1,945	30,987	25,056	137,546	5,092	7,104	10,430
December	1,717	25,291	18,662	107,008	3,581	5,445	8,741
1956 : September	1,482	23,828	24,231	106,206	3,033	4,345	12,010
October	1,453	27,391	26,302	121,022	1,921	7,344	12,167
November	1,711	30,750	24,811	116,098	3,335	8,132	12,197
December	1,279	25,179	20,361	89,231	2,033	7,377	8,390

* Excluding articles of rubber.

† Excluding plastic raincoats.

25. Production of Building Materials

Period	Sawn Timber (Native) *	Bricks (Clay)	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement	Paints	
			Terra Cotta	Cement				Ready- Mixed Paint	Lacquers and Enamels
	Mill. sup. ft.	Thousands			Thousand sq. yds.		Tons	Thousand gal.	
Year: 1950-51	338.3	341,994	22,590	11,213	9,777	4,963	613,425	2,577	1,575
1951-52	380.6	354,545	22,765	20,273	10,545	4,962	594,276	2,598	1,721
1952-53	347.3	300,328	28,034	5,692	9,384	4,616	670,644	2,078	1,725
1953-54	370.3	375,593	30,431	8,484	9,746	5,445	726,053	2,363	2,288
1954-55	372.9	382,902	29,778	10,153	10,477	6,036	815,603	2,761	2,932
1955-56p	375.4	372,604	29,768	11,983	10,057	5,351	805,400	2,900	3,067
1955: July-Dec.	215.0	201,094	15,554	5,226	5,311	2,835	422,363	1,471	1,624
1956: July-Dec.	200.4	180,655	14,576	4,285	4,940	2,608	454,014	1,591	1,499
1955: September	42.4	34,292	2,729	894	803	488	72,468	252	287
October	35.6	34,121	2,708	819	924	467	76,354	261	305
November	33.1	35,989	2,783	930	994	519	80,202	268	297
December	38.2	26,610	2,227	901	753	401	60,474	233	248
1956: September	35.6	30,722	2,497	850	913	430	76,103	269	250
October	35.9	33,565	2,727	982	845	460	84,951	283	277
November	34.5	30,305	2,439	716	863	478	79,768	299	284
December	33.4	21,964	1,836	380	758	355	68,143	256	224

26. Production of Household Appliances

Period	Stoves, Domestic Cooking				Coppers (Gas and Electric)	Sink Heaters (Gas and Electric)	Bath Heaters (All Types)	Hot Water Systems (Storage— All Types)
	Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric					
			Stoves	Stovettes ¹ Excl. Cookers				
Number								
Year: 1950-51	14,183	26,933	16,623	38,074	48,928	10,333	68,273	29,775
1951-52	15,214	25,232	17,022	26,290	41,686	13,537	62,492	28,707
1952-53	11,316	17,556	8,137	17,522	23,375	6,800	47,523	18,170
1953-54	13,582	22,729	13,263	20,150	n.a.	8,351	49,511	25,418
1954-55	13,235	n.a.	23,015	18,038	26,552	10,213	50,680	26,725
1955-56p	12,302	20,813	26,093	16,273	24,465	10,330	47,645	25,646
1955 : July-Dec.	7,260	14,011	14,075	8,784	13,262	5,796	25,850	14,085
1956 : July-Dec.	6,009	12,915	16,776	11,858	10,529	5,132	21,009	13,677
1955: September	1,331	2,295	2,348	1,099	2,501	1,244	4,802	2,579
October	1,249	2,156	2,221	1,668	2,111	832	3,673	2,195
November	1,418	2,232	2,624	1,555	2,581	969	3,865	2,311
December	684	1,283	1,868	1,491	1,685	772	2,982	1,710
1956: September	979	2,229	2,702	2,087	1,429	841	3,472	2,253
October	1,199	2,573	3,002	2,273	2,119	861	3,752	2,549
November	1,001	1,879	3,182	2,205	1,642	1,048	3,327	2,533
December	785	1,295	2,426	1,644	1,208	502	2,183	1,622

Period	Refrigerators (Household)	Electric Clothes Washing Machines (Domestic)	Electric Toasters	Wireless Cabinets	Radios			Radiograms
					Portable	Car	Mantel, Table and Console	
					Number			
Year: 1950-51	113,603	19,163	70,676	276,682	.....	197,026	.....	60,616
1951-52	101,195	23,097	107,448	227,014	.....	165,511	.....	45,655
1952-53	91,717	14,669	47,049	156,739	.....	56,299	.....	40,787
1953-54	159,287	43,815	70,461	265,503	.....	79,686	.....	60,196
1954-55	171,641	71,617	75,134	277,993	.....	63,022	30,757	66,592
1955-56p	154,504	74,011	92,642	251,394	.....	48,447	35,716	63,115
1955: July-Dec.	104,160	35,863	45,828	135,035	.....	25,834	23,116	33,799
1956: July-Dec.	68,568	33,877	49,073	102,569	.....	31,570	16,540	28,349
1955: September	18,203	6,331	7,062	32,723	.....	4,886	2,828	6,716
October	23,301	5,589	8,407	21,023	.....	2,946	3,837	4,815
November	22,900	5,849	8,287	19,911	.....	6,125	3,331	5,302
December	18,199	5,392	7,716	27,183	.....	7,362	5,533	4,713
1956: September	9,621	6,027	8,062	14,705	.....	3,097	2,858	4,504
October	16,408	5,538	11,139	17,308	.....	5,480	2,514	3,647
November	14,651	5,832	6,391	17,866	.....	6,954	4,079	4,608
December	11,900	4,048	6,088	17,952	.....	9,160	2,647	4,033

27. Production of Miscellaneous Products

Period	Internal Combustion Engines	Electric Motors		Motor Bodies *	Pedal Cycles
		Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.		
Number					
Year : 1950-51	23,746	369,684	34,166	8,866	29,156
1951-52	22,480	417,945	34,255	9,276	28,701
1952-53	12,126	353,820	21,251	9,431	21,766
1953-54	17,482	682,480	22,410	21,956	23,405
1954-55	17,281	851,460	30,493	26,777	28,253
1955-56p	48,626	752,959	30,327	31,792	27,693
1955: July-Dec.	16,555	438,797	15,729	16,278	18,158
1956: July-Dec.	44,791	319,555	12,352	15,958	14,471
1955: September	2,438	75,368	3,030	2,794	2,877
October	2,783	83,602	2,591	2,472	2,843
November	3,807	78,855	2,690	3,026	3,613
December	3,362	66,128	1,575	2,294	3,722
1956: September	6,425	48,655	1,661	2,493	2,074
October	11,255	55,859	2,344	2,993	2,258
November	12,705	74,526	2,431	3,084	2,838
December	7,692	47,128	1,859	2,213	3,282

Period	Soap †				Cleansing and Scouring Powders (excl. Synthetic Detergents)
	Toilet (incl. Shampoos and Shaving Soap)	Household (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Industrial (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Other (Liquid, Soft and Sand)	
			Cwt.		
Year : 1950-51	241,185	666,063	62,289	99,160	53,696‡
1951-52	265,115	710,139	56,189	106,550	55,246
1952-53	231,759	692,804	67,475	94,967	59,186
1953-54	265,438	666,303	75,213	98,401	60,073
1954-55	291,493	712,876	91,277	117,532	50,096
1955-56p	262,306	695,751	98,399	126,454	42,583
1955: July-Dec.	135,583	338,650	50,255	63,081	21,654
1956: July-Dec.	135,375	327,404	48,457	55,266	16,878
1955: September	25,290	43,329	7,272	11,867	3,779
October	20,812	50,550	7,263	8,987	3,282
November	24,523	57,432	9,230	11,297	4,366
December	21,235	60,866	9,766	10,062	3,274
1956: September	23,344	56,991	7,817	8,481	2,556
October	20,316	50,968	5,735	9,587	2,898
November	22,010	56,870	7,711	10,386	3,064
December	22,662	64,844	9,659	7,810	2,541

Period	Sulphuric Acid	Sulphate of Ammonia	Mattresses		
			Wire	Inner Spring	Other
		Tons		Number	
Year : 1950-51	112,151	37,222	78,285	157,406	166,865
1951-52	117,035	43,549	67,264	128,104	118,942
1952-53	124,359	48,078	80,961	148,554	98,352
1953-54	147,777	52,785	109,340	194,596	97,651
1954-55	184,234	57,242	121,149	215,574	100,209
1955-56p	179,744	53,915	103,925	218,926	84,699
1955: July-December	100,574	27,784	53,644	113,884	48,562
1956: July-December	70,014	28,293	48,466	105,454	36,267
1955: September	17,359	4,931	8,818	18,750	8,817
October	16,807	4,832	7,670	17,907	8,529
November	15,854	4,723	9,447	20,544	7,886
December	15,648	4,573	8,535	20,202	6,408
1956: September	8,959	4,913	7,443	17,086	5,711
October	11,642	4,537	8,932	18,530	6,116
November	14,604	4,381	9,160	18,860	6,044
December	15,861	4,502	7,754	16,685	5,515

* Excludes conversions, cabins, and bodies assembled from imported panels. synthetic detergents, but thereafter these are excluded.

† Figures to June, 1954, include
‡ Includes synthetic detergents.

28. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales
(Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1955: July	97	72	131	338	100	93	66	119	102	53	40	33	47
August	108	115	146	177	130	124	134	157	147	7	21	31	13
September	88	98	100	114	98	93	91	110	103	92	72	50	82
October	304	307	214	445	291	315	270	221	246	124	134	96	123
November	78	133	98	104	103	100	140	87	103	25	141	101	64
December	76	62	94	35	73	78	76	76	76	310	136	142	244
1956: January	162	197	199	145	182	135	174	206	189	128	162	91	132
February	386	388	142	265	294	370	384	131	227	402	362	452	398
March	136	396	461	659	372	113	393	503	425	120	245	291	174
April	155	164	264	146	192	170	175	266	230	64	43	57	58
May	258	197	249	252	237	299	203	260	250	127	156	245	150
June	155	163	176	129	161	149	155	156	155	126	198	244	160
July	104	192	215	344	191	115	172	235	204	17	39	102	34
August	29	78	101	22	66	41	89	100	90	45	84	74	59
September	82	75	99	89	86	70	82	99	91	43	32	53	41
October	146	217	257	194	207	161	210	287	251	59	107	179	87
November	40	23	62	20	40	36	23	59	47	24	20	52	26
December	82	30	27	24	43	74	25	26	32	136	75	34	107
1957: January	71	37	13	14	36	72	45	12	28	86	36	20	64

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all Districts.

WOOL

29. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales

Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Sheep mill.	48.9	54.1	53.7	57.5	59.6	59.2	63.0
Sheep shorn mill.	51.5	52.9	52.7	56.7	59.2	59.6	61.8
Wool produced* mill. lb.	437.1	492.1	437.8	556.6	544.9	541.0	593.7

* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

30. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales
(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
Thousand bales								
Season: 1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,234.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1949-50	1,066.6	218.9	57.0	1,342.5	11.6	1.3	0.1	13.0
1950-51	1,052.4	176.0	51.2	1,279.6	24.6	1.8	0.4	26.8
1951-52	903.6	164.4	42.7	1,110.7	14.9	0.7	0.2	15.8
1952-53	1,136.2	207.2	53.2	1,396.6	17.5	0.8	...	18.3
1953-54	1,108.7	262.2	57.6	1,428.5	19.1	1.9	0.1	21.1
1954-55	1,077.9	251.8	56.9	1,386.6	22.7	3.2	0.3	26.2
1955-56	1,145.3	271.4	66.2	1,482.9	17.5	1.6	...	19.1
1955-56: July-Jan.	899.4	221.8	64.0	1,185.2	250.8	62.4	28.6	341.8
1956-57: July-Jan.	1,017.3	271.7	68.1	1,357.1	356.5	72.3	27.9	456.7
1955: October	188.1	45.1	22.2	255.4	368.3	65.5	30.6	464.4
November	165.6	48.4	20.6	234.6	367.2	71.2	41.3	479.7
December	60.2	16.9	4.0	81.1	347.2	88.1	37.6	472.9
1956: January	25.8	10.5	0.7	37.0	250.8	62.4	28.6	341.8
1956: October	253.0	78.3	22.7	354.0	363.9	111.4	30.7	506.0
November	195.2	56.0	22.7	273.9	398.7	127.5	43.9	570.1
December	69.0	15.2	4.5	88.7	394.2	102.8	38.3	535.3
1957: January	37.5	9.5	1.0	48.0	356.5	72.3	27.9	456.7

31. Wool: Sales at Auction, New South Wales

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period		Wool Sold				Amount Realised				
		Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
		Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Greasy	Scoured				
Season: 1938-39		Thousand bales *					£ thousand			
		1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	n.a.	...	15,521
	1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	53,699	10,193	3,439	67,331
	1949-50	1,118.4	202.7	57.1	1,293.8	84.4	86,510	16,217	4,987	107,714
	1950-51	1,038.6	175.5	50.9	1,194.8	70.2	185,502	32,589	10,113	228,204
	1951-52	912.2	165.4	43.3	1,071.9	49.0	85,188	15,943	4,130	105,261
	1952-53	1,132.8	207.1	53.3	1,340.8	52.4	122,090	23,153	6,105	151,348
	1953-54	1,106.5	260.8	57.6	1,380.0	44.9	112,084	26,580	6,131	144,795
	1954-55	1,073.6	250.4	56.6	1,341.7	38.9	95,501	22,273	5,225	122,999
	1955-56†	1,149.7	272.9	66.3	1,455.4	33.5	89,166	21,147	5,386	115,699
1955-56: July-Jan.		670.6	162.5	35.4	849.6	18.9	51,610	12,462	2,849	66,921
1956-57: July-Jan.		677.9	201.0	40.2	899.2	19.9	65,607	20,003	4,190	89,800
1955:	October	110.7	41.9	8.2	157.7	3.1	8,383	3,142	607	12,132
	November	166.6	42.7	9.9	215.8	3.4	12,929	3,350	786	17,065
	December	80.2	...	7.7	84.4	3.5	6,462	1	650	7,113
1956:	January	122.2	36.1	9.7	166.6	1.4	9,924	3,063	808	13,795
1956:	October	163.7	40.5	9.1	210.8	2.5	15,288	3,636	824	19,748
	November	160.4	39.9	9.6	205.8	4.1	15,962	4,019	1,037	21,018
	December	73.6	39.8	10.1	120.8	2.7	7,520	4,096	1,076	12,692
1957:	January	75.2	40.1	11.4	124.7	2.0	7,809	4,362	1,253	13,424

*Scoured bales are not converted to greasy basis. † Including sales at auction in July, 1956, postponed from June.

32. Prices of Greasy Wool, New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction, New South Wales*	Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month			
			1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
	Pence per lb.					
1938-39	10.3	July	85.0†	82.5†	67.0†	65.0
1945-46	15.3†	August	84.0†	75.0	60.0	69.0
1946-47	23.6	September	83.0	75.0	58.0	75.0
1947-48	37.9	October	84.0	71.0	58.0	73.0p
1948-49	46.8	November	84.0	68.0	58.0	77.0p
1949-50	61.8	December	81.0	70.5	60.0	78.0p
1950-51	145.3	January	80.0	69.0	60.0	79.0p
1951-52	76.5	February	77.0	70.0	60.0	81.0p
1952-53	85.1	March	77.0	70.0	60.0	
1953-54	81.8	April	79.0†	69.0	62.0	
1954-55	70.6	May	82.0	69.0	66.0	
1955-56	61.6	June	82.5	67.0	67.0†	

* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre). † Based on United Kingdom purchase prices; does not allow for payments for profits on re-sale of contract wool. ‡ Nominal.

33. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1936-37 to 1945-46*	15,875†	4,203,047	3,824,667	49,850,000	13.0
1946-47	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1947-48	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1948-49	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1949-50	15,594	4,173,857	4,011,744	81,939,000	20.4
1950-51	14,279	3,441,958	3,328,490	43,273,000	13.0
1951-52	13,147	2,930,170	2,753,317	39,689,000	14.4
1952-53	13,167	2,836,206	2,702,359	56,670,000	21.0
1953-54	14,865	3,547,624	3,356,888	63,681,000	19.0
1954-55	13,784	3,177,844	2,918,670	37,718,000	12.9
1955-56	14,035	3,064,204	2,937,281	57,149,000	19.5
1956-57p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,713,000	28,000,000	16.3r

* Annual average.

† Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41.

* Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July. Bases are as follows :—
1938-39—Average of shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney.
1946-47 to 1948-49—Basic export selling price of Australian Wheat Board. Average for bulk and bagged wheat, f.o.r., Sydney.
1949-50 to date—Basic selling prices of Australian Wheat Board for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.b., Sydney (see † and ‡ below).
† Wheat sold under International Wheat Agreement. ‡ Wheat sold in excess of I.W.A. quota.
§ Wholesale price for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.r. Sydney. Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended November.
¶ Allowing for cost of bags and including governmental assistance to wheat growers. Pool season, generally year ended October.
|| Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July.
** For some destinations, where other exporting countries have a geographical freight advantage, the selling price is below this basic price.

Period	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56p	1956-57p
			Thousand gallons			
July	13,568	17,593	17,129	15,275	17,673	17,836
August	15,106	19,236	18,750	17,951	20,985	20,408
September	17,600	25,953	22,424	22,310	25,230	22,569
October	24,781	32,800	27,355	28,487	32,698	29,797
November	23,701	33,596	28,525	34,418	35,659	30,679
December	20,451	32,118	24,935	36,798	37,065	30,892
March Qr.	62,177	93,126	86,768	97,325	102,394	
June Qr.	63,825	62,963	56,301	63,155	63,530	
Year ended June	241,209	317,385	282,187	315,719	335,234	
July-December	115,207	161,296	139,118	155,239	169,310	152,181

36. Butter : Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

* Weighted average price for choicest butter, f.o.b. Australia. † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years.

37. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales			Australia		
	Merchandise					
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
	£A million f.o.b.					
Year : 1938-39	49.9	37.7	(—) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3
1949-50	214.0	216.6	2.6	536.1	611.6	75.5
1950-51	301.7	325.6	23.9	741.3	979.1	237.8
1951-52	426.8	193.9	(—) 232.9	1,049.7	665.2	(—) 384.5
1952-53	206.9	249.5	42.6	510.3	848.5	338.2
1953-54	277.9	249.3	(—) 28.6	678.5	811.8	133.3
1954-55	343.5	207.6	(—) 135.9	840.9	758.0	(—) 82.9
1955-56	334.2	217.2	(—) 117.0	818.3	771.1	(—) 47.2
1955: July-Dec.	165.8	106.4	(—) 59.4	412.3	377.0	(—) 35.3
1956: July-Dec.	152.1	126.7	(—) 25.4	358.5	447.0	88.5
1955: July	22.5	17.3	(—) 5.2	61.5	60.9	(—) 0.6
August	29.3	13.3	(—) 16.0	71.2	48.7	(—) 22.5
September	28.8	13.9	(—) 14.9	74.9	51.4	(—) 23.5
October	29.5	17.9	(—) 11.6	68.1	65.6	(—) 2.5
November	31.4	22.3	(—) 9.1	73.4	78.0	4.6
December	24.3	21.7	(—) 2.6	63.2	72.4	9.2
1956: July	25.7	13.0	(—) 12.7	57.3	61.0	3.7
August	31.2	15.8	(—) 15.4	78.8	57.8	(—) 21.0
September	23.4	17.9	(—) 5.5	53.6	60.7	7.1
October	24.3	27.0	2.7	57.1	95.9	38.8
November	24.2	27.8	3.6	59.8	95.1	35.3
December	23.3	25.2	1.9	51.9	76.5	24.6

(—) Denotes excess of Imports.

38. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

* Net sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
	£ million							
July	35.3	49.1	67.5	56.9	62.5	80.3	91.2	86.4
August	34.7	52.1	68.2	59.6	64.0	78.0	94.1	82.8
September	39.9	56.2	74.0	60.2	76.8	68.6	83.4	92.1
October	43.6	57.8	68.6	61.7	65.9	85.2	96.0	92.1
November	39.3	44.9	56.3	62.1	77.4	81.1	83.5	73.9
December	50.2	61.2	81.7	60.4	72.0	74.3	84.3	103.0
March Qr.	127.2	164.5	186.1	179.7	207.0	234.5	239.4	
June Qr.	153.5	201.0	196.4	188.6	226.0	253.0	275.4	
Year ended June	523.7	686.8	798.8	729.2	851.6	955.0	1,047.3	
July-December	243.0	321.3	416.3	360.9	418.6	467.5	532.5	537.4

* Exclusive of discounts, returns, etc.

39. Retail Trade : Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days in Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown	
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid
	Number		Percentage Increase (+) or decrease (—) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.					
Year: 1950	302	303	+ 16.8	+ 5.6	+ 11.7	+ 0.7		
1951	303	301	+ 22.7	+ 26.9	+ 32.8	+ 2.7		
1952	301	303	— 8.6	+ 9.0	+ 4.0	— 10.0		
1953	303	302	+ 4.8	— 20.1	— 0.3	— 3.9		
1954	302	301	+ 8.0	+ 9.4	+ 7.1	+ 3.9		
1955	301	303	+ 3.5	+ 9.1	+ 9.2	+ 2.6		
1955: July	27	26	+ 3.7	+ 9.6	+ 8.4	+ 4.4	+ 4.3	+ 10.3
Aug.	26	27	+ 3.7	+ 10.1	+ 12.7	+ 3.3	+ 3.9	+ 10.9
Sept.	26	26	+ 4.9	+ 7.6	+ 8.9	+ 2.7	+ 4.1	+ 10.0
Oct.	25	25	+ 1.2	+ 7.7	+ 6.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.2	+ 9.4
Nov.	26	26	+ 0.7	+ 9.0	+ 7.8	— 0.8	+ 2.2	+ 7.7
Dec.	24	25	+ 2.2	+ 10.0	+ 10.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.4	+ 8.5
1956: July	26	26	— 2.2	— 1.9	+ 1.3	— 3.5	— 0.5	+ 4.1
Aug.	27	27	+ 0.2	— 1.2	+ 3.7	— 3.9	— 0.9	+ 2.5
Sept.	26	25	+ 9.9	— 0.2	— 1.2	— 4.9	— 4.0	+ 1.3
Oct.	25	26	+ 3.8	— 0.4	+ 7.5	— 3.4	— 2.0	+ 3.2
Nov.	26	26	+ 2.2	— 1.7	+ 13.9	— 5.0	— 1.3	+ 6.8
Dec.	25	23	— 1.9	— 2.5	+ 0.5	— 5.0	+ 1.0	+ 6.7

* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 2.

BANKING

Since 1st October, 1951, 16 trading banks have conducted business in Australia. Of these, 12 operate in New South Wales, comprising the 7 major private trading banks, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W., and 3 overseas banks.

40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits	Balances due to other Banks	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted
£ million							
MAJOR PRIVATE TRADING BANKS							
1945 : June	582.5	n.a.	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	2.5	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1949 : June	817.4	49.8	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1951 : June	1,237.7	63.2	50.5	32.8	93.0	569.6	509.5
1953 : June	1,239.0	3.5	76.6	100.5	115.7	300.8	601.8
1955 : June	1,307.2	4.6	65.4	27.8	124.6	245.8	817.7
1956 : June	1,260.4	22.4	65.7	28.9	120.9	227.7	793.9
1955 : October	1,277.0	3.6	64.1	27.5	106.8	231.9	831.4
November	1,295.8	3.8	65.1	31.9	110.3	231.9	823.3
December	1,321.5	2.6	71.4	45.0	110.4	231.9	814.5
1956 : October	1,281.5	5.8	64.3	51.9	124.6	225.9	780.2
November	1,311.4	3.6	64.6	54.1	136.3	235.9	771.2
December	1,340.6	3.3	65.9	62.5	151.0	235.9	762.2
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK*							
1947 : June	58.6	0.3	5.7	1.1	33.9	...	21.6
1951 : June	119.7	2.3	6.9	36.5	15.1	...	68.5
1953 : June	135.7	4.1	11.9	31.3	15.2	32.3	59.7
1955 : June	181.1	0.3	11.6	8.9	39.7	33.9	98.5
1956 : June	179.1	0.3	10.2	5.0	35.7	31.9	101.9
1955 : October	185.2	0.3	10.8	8.5	40.0	32.7	105.0
November	188.0	0.3	10.1	10.5	40.0	32.7	105.0
December	187.4	0.4	10.9	8.0	40.0	32.7	104.8
1956 : October	181.9	0.4	9.9	2.8	36.5	31.7	108.2
November	186.6	0.4	10.3	4.3	35.9	33.7	107.9
December	189.1	0.4	8.9	4.8	35.9	33.7	107.4
ALL TRADING BANKS							
1947 : June	722.7	3.0	42.4	16.2	126.2	277.2	344.8
1951 : June	1,407.4	65.9	62.4	73.8	123.1	572.6	635.5
1953 : June	1,428.0	7.9	94.4	138.7	144.6	334.1	724.8
1955 : June	1,544.7	5.6	81.8	40.7	177.8	280.7	990.8
1956 : June	1,496.1	24.3	79.6	37.4	171.5	260.4	972.4
1955 : October	1,515.0	5.6	78.7	39.4	160.8	265.4	1,012.3
November	1,537.0	5.7	78.8	45.6	164.3	265.4	1,004.5
December	1,563.4	4.4	86.5	56.4	165.0	265.4	995.2
1956 : October	1,517.6	7.6	77.8	57.0	176.0	258.4	964.9
November	1,554.4	5.5	79.0	61.3	187.7	270.3	956.1
December	1,587.4	5.5	78.9	70.4	202.7	270.3	947.3

*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

41. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Major Private Trading Banks				C'wealth Trading Bank*		All Trading Banks	
	Deposits			Advances	Deposits	Advances	Deposits	Advances
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total					
	£ million							
1947: June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	33.3	12.6	286.8	153.6
1949: June	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.1	18.0	358.0	199.7
1951: June	386.0	81.9	467.9	197.9	60.0	36.1	560.8	276.6
1953: June	379.7	68.9	448.6	243.7	74.0	26.5	557.5	314.7
1955: June	387.4	88.2	475.6	342.5	96.1	43.0	609.9	436.6
1956: June	363.6	87.2	450.8	329.7	93.3	44.1	582.7	426.5
1955: Oct.	373.9	86.5	460.4	348.3	96.3	45.2	593.5	446.3
Nov.	383.0	85.5	468.5	347.1	96.8	44.4	602.1	444.6
Dec.	392.2	83.2	475.4	341.3	95.9	44.4	609.0	438.5
1956: Oct.	363.2	92.0	455.2	325.8	95.7	46.0	587.5	424.9
Nov.	375.1	96.7	471.8	325.5	95.2	46.2	604.5	425.1
Dec.	389.8	98.0	487.8	324.8	98.0	45.5	624.0	424.1

*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

42. Trading Banks: Debits to Customers' Accounts, New South Wales

"Debits" refer to all trading banks operating in N.S.W., excluding accounts of Australian Governments at city banks and central banking business of the Commonwealth Bank.

Period	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
Weekly Average—£ million								
July	91.2	121.3	159.3	149.0	163.7	181.8	201.7	214.6
August	80.9	109.2	141.9	130.1	145.6	170.6	186.9	189.0
September	88.0	126.3	153.0	143.0	167.7	179.7	193.7	201.0
October	99.0	135.5	163.0	152.7	168.3	190.3	202.9	221.8
November	107.9	147.9	170.5	159.8	173.0	185.8	216.1	226.1
December	112.2	158.0	175.9	173.8	187.1	194.5	214.1	231.7
January	96.8	131.6	146.2	124.6	151.9	173.8	183.9	202.3
February	108.7	161.1	155.3	156.2	164.8	188.3	187.1	224.7
March	118.6	160.0	152.1	162.4	184.7	186.0	199.8	
April	108.8	161.1	153.3	149.7	166.2	185.5	201.2	
May	122.6	167.3	155.9	157.4	183.0	203.3	218.0	
June	121.2	168.2	158.4	160.3	194.9	206.1	203.9	
Year	104.9	145.1	156.6	151.9	171.7	187.5	200.9	

43. Savings Bank Accounts and Depositors' Balances at end of Month

Month	New South Wales				Australia	
	Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances			Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances
		C'wealth Savings Bank	Other Savings Banks	Total		
Thousand	£ thousand			Thousand	£ thousand	
1939-June	1,330	87,474	.....	87,474	3,858	245,587
1948 "	2,013	236,964	.....	236,964	5,728	681,318
1949 "	2,072	244,483	.....	244,483	5,890	714,232
1950 "	2,138	258,874	.....	258,874	6,105	762,085
1951 "	2,194	284,466	.....	284,466	6,307	837,444
1952 "	2,247	304,532	.....	304,532	6,494	891,898
1953 "	2,279	319,149	.....	319,149	6,633	947,497
1954 "	2,308	339,797	.....	339,797	6,756	1,010,129
1955 "	2,336	358,645	.....	358,645	6,861	1,073,394
1956 "	2,463	363,833	22,843	386,676	7,153	1,141,119
1955: October	2,312	362,247	.....	362,247	6,831	1,089,501
November	2,318	361,816	.....	361,816	6,846	1,088,897
December	2,319	364,119	.....	364,119	6,841	1,091,369
1956: October	2,494	362,962	40,246	403,208	7,250	1,184,164
November	2,505	362,657	42,825	405,482	7,275	1,191,041
December	2,514	360,583	45,589	406,172	7,291	1,189,078

44. Overseas Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Period	Australia on—							
	London	New Zealand	South Africa	Montreal	New York	France	Belgium	India
	£A. to £stg.100	£A. to £N.Z.100	£A. to £S.A.100	Canadian \$ to £A.1	U.S. \$ to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Rupees to £A.1
1938-39	125.25	100.33	124.70	3.79	3.78	141.75	111.58	10.69
1946-June	125.25	100.25	124.88	3.54	3.22	383.24	141.02	10.64
1949 "	125.25	124.27	124.88	3.22	3.22	875.85	141.02	10.64
1950 "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.46	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1951 "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.39	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1952 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.18	2.22	776.35	111.66	10.64
1953 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.19	2.25	784.71	111.76	10.64
1954 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.25	784.84	112.15	10.64
1955 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.23	780.74	111.71	10.64
1956 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.20	2.24	783.64	111.12	10.65
1956: September	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.17	2.22	783.73	111.13	10.65
October	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.16	2.22	784.81	111.51	10.65
November	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.14	2.22	784.10	111.37	10.65
December	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.13	2.22	785.01	111.78	10.65
1957: January	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.14	2.23	786.88	112.14	10.65

45. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	First Mortgages Registered*	Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡			Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills‡ (Dis- count)
		Short- dated : 2 years	Long- dated : 12 years	Fixed Deposits		Over- draft (Max.)	To £500	£500 to £1,000 §	
				3 months	24 months				
					To £10,000	Over £10,000			
Per cent. per annum									
Year : 1938-39	5.4	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.75	2.00	1.75
1945-46	4.6	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.75	2.00	1.00
1948-49	4.4	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	0.75
1949-50	4.4	1.95	3.13	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	0.75
1950-51	4.4	1.99	3.21	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	0.75
1951-52	4.4	2.05	3.95	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	0.75
1952-53	4.7	3.03	4.54	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.00
1953-54	4.9	3.10	4.44	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.00
1954-55	5.2	3.49	4.50	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25
1955-56	5.8	4.39	4.76	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
1956 : January	5.8	4.13	4.54	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.00
February	5.8	4.26	4.57	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.00
March	5.9	4.68	5.12	2.25	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.50	1.00
April	5.9	4.97	5.18	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
May	6.0	5.02	5.19	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
June	6.1	5.13	5.34	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
July	6.2	4.68	5.15	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
August	6.3	4.70	5.05	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
September	6.4	4.99	5.04	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
October	6.5	4.68	5.05	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
November	6.6	4.60	5.07	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	1.00
December	6.6	4.69	5.09	2.25	3.50	3.50	6.00	2.75	1.00
1957 : January	6.6	4.68	5.04	2.25	3.50	3.50	6.00	2.75	1.00

* Weighted average rate on first mortgages registered, where mortgagee is a corporation (other than a bank or a building society), or an individual. Mortgages taken by Government Agencies are excluded. Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown. † Compiled by Commonwealth Bank; average for year or as at last Wednesday in month. ‡ Rate current at end of Period.

§ £500 to £1,300 until March, 1942; £500 to £1,500 from June, 1954 to March, 1956. From 1st April, 1956 the rate on excess over £1,000 up to £1,500 is 1½ per cent.

46. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 34 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure. Minor revisions were made in the composition of the index in August, 1956.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Dis- tributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies	4 Insurance Companies	Total, 75* Companies	34 Active Shares Included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1949 : June	326.9	274.4	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
1950 : June	399.3	318.7	227.4	576.7	293.6	297.5
1951 : June	529.8	397.6	301.6	757.1	366.6	357.0
1952 : June	358.2	257.1	189.0	580.5	256.7	250.7
1953 : June	363.6	265.2	192.8	544.4	254.4	253.7
1954 : June	381.3	310.1	217.7	574.7	274.5	282.2
1955 : June	426.6	403.4	247.0	578.5	314.5	314.8
1956 : Jan.	429.1	420.0	259.1	581.6	316.1	315.5
Feb.	425.6	419.0	258.8	578.9	314.2	313.5
Mar.	418.0	407.5	251.3	557.5	307.9	304.0
Apr.	415.7	404.6	244.0	560.1	305.7	302.2
May	410.9	387.2	238.2	562.6	301.1	299.2
June	399.7	377.7	234.5	566.3	295.5	293.2
July	397.8	370.8	242.4	573.7	294.4	294.0
Aug.	405.1	376.2	249.7	608.2	300.1	303.9
Sept.	416.2	376.5	253.0	643.6	305.8	309.7
Oct.	423.8	377.0	261.2	661.9	308.2	312.2
Nov.	416.8	368.9	257.6	680.2	304.6	307.2
Dec.	418.4	362.5	251.7	671.9	303.1	306.2
1957 : Jan.	430.6	366.3	265.8	695.5	311.3	317.2

* Including 34 miscellaneous companies.

47. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers		Mortgages*	Crop Liens	Wool Lien†	Livestock Mortgages †
	Number	£ thousand				
Year :						
1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064	1,736
1948-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391	2,768
1949-50	105,589	125,952	57,382	460	3,115	2,845
1950-51	108,737	192,311	70,600	309	4,828	3,482
1951-52	95,857	179,581	77,211	514	4,371	3,578
1952-53	82,905	143,909	68,590	462	3,428	2,513
1953-54	92,380	188,032	76,024	476	3,460	2,698
1954-55	98,666	218,799	91,686	544	3,654	2,550
1955-56	91,143	230,300	117,023	896	4,123	2,886
1955-56: July-Jan.	52,902	139,586	69,876	689	2,221	1,571
1956-57: July-Jan.	52,770	129,262	66,647	907	2,813	2,042
1955: October	6,622	24,045	8,200	101	282	156
November	6,580	19,357	9,141	68	257	228
December	6,401	17,017	8,795	19	309	184
1956: January	7,243	17,480	8,309	24	293	179
1956: October	8,590	22,268	10,237	71	331	354
November	7,960	18,137	10,487	101	375	244
December	6,230	15,502	7,656	53	447	372
1957: January	6,614	16,639	8,095	32	351	306

* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated ; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

48. Life Assurance, New South Wales

(a) New Policies issued (exclusive of annuities)*.

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured	Policies	Sum Assured	
	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	£ thousand
Year†:					
1939	50,520	18,179	156,787	7,540	25,719
1948	99,282	47,956	115,336	11,076	59,032
1949	94,665	49,357	113,568	11,332	60,689
1950	98,015	58,666	106,754	11,136	69,802
1951	101,683	78,187	97,361	11,526	89,713
1952	110,992	81,270	99,573	13,342	94,612
1953	111,437	86,501	98,547	13,590	100,091
1954	110,302	97,247	91,554	13,313	110,560
1955	122,516	110,606	86,691	13,520	124,126
1955: Jan.-November	105,752	95,342	78,534	12,188	107,530
1956: Jan.-November	103,689	104,606	81,353	12,779	117,385
1955: September	14,515	11,414	9,653	1,524	12,938
October	8,153	8,220	7,214	1,097	9,317
November	10,988	9,368	7,244	1,159	10,527
1956: September	11,460	11,454	10,905	1,744	13,198
October	8,773	10,563	6,488	1,041	11,604
November	10,936	11,947	7,569	1,249	13,196

* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. † Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified).

(b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales* (exclusive of advances of premiums).

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
		£ thousand		
Year : 1948	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
1949	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
1950	16,184	1,117	3,873	21,174
1951	20,433	1,228	4,935	26,596
1952	16,506	1,771	3,470	21,747
1953	14,775	1,436	2,426	18,637
1954	14,298	1,500	1,901	17,699
1955	22,039	1,873	1,972	25,884
1955: Jan.-November	19,952	1,703	1,812	23,467
1956: Jan.-November	16,941	2,150	1,495	20,586
1955: September	1,755	158	146	2,059
October	1,757	179	158	2,094
November	2,792	187	187	3,166
1956: September	1,465	199	106	1,770
October	1,351	194	214	1,759
November	1,570	199	98	1,867

* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

49. Commonwealth Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-January		Item	July-January	
	1955-56	1956-57		1955-56	1956-57
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
Taxes—			Social Services—		
Customs	52,700	41,902	Invalid, Age Pensions	56,829	66,029
Excise	91,750	128,186	Child Endowment	35,945	31,391
Sales	62,803	73,460	Hospital Benefits	5,827	5,989
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution	186,203	185,475	Pharmaceutical Benefits	5,515	5,250
Payroll	26,715	28,645	Other	16,679	19,516
Estate	5,701	6,602	Total, Social Services	120,795	128,175
Other	1,051	1,030	To States—		
Total Taxes	426,923	465,300	Tax Reimbursements	73,023	81,228
Post Office	45,364	49,887	Other	34,981	40,022
Broadcasting and Television	2,308	2,826	Capital Works	62,407	57,984
Railways	2,323	2,673	Post Office†	45,933	51,529
Territories	1,306	1,367	Broadcasting and Television	3,465	4,661
Other	23,783	18,317	Railways†	1,762	2,144
Total Revenue*	502,007	540,370	Territories†	7,477	9,026
			Defence Services	91,306	104,091
			War Services, 1914-18 & 1939-45†	41,165	39,487
			Subsidies	10,314	8,492
			Debt Charges	39,407	39,613
			Other	45,131	55,305
			Total Expenditure*	577,166	621,757

* Excludes self-balancing items in the seven months ended January amounting to, £5,617,000 in 1955-56 and £5,723,000 in 1956-57.

† Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund for War and Repatriation in the seven months ended January (£2,621,000 in 1955-56 and £3,622,000 in 1956-57) is included above. Other loan expenditure in this period consisted of Advances to States for Housing, £13,850,000 in 1955-56 and £9,476,000 in 1956-57, and provision of emergency storage for wheat, £2,702,000 in 1955-56.

Commonwealth Treasury Bills on issue in Australia at the end of January amounted to £255,000,000 in 1956 and £260,000,000 in 1957.

50. New South Wales Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-January		Item	July-January	
	1955-56	1956-57		1955-56	1956-57
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
Governmental—			Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management	15,894	17,046
From Commonwealth—			Less—Recoups from other Activities	3,023	3,681
Towards Interest	1,702	1,702	Net Debt Charges	12,871	13,365
Reimbursement of Taxes	28,636	30,470	Other than Debt Charges—		
Stamp and Probate Duty	10,542	12,154	Governmental	53,043	57,833
Other Taxes	3,071	3,120	Business Undertakings—		
Land	1,733	1,965	Railways	41,202	44,234
Services	2,769	3,478	Trams and Buses	7,643	8,228
Other	7,224	7,605	Sydney Harbour	1,145	1,192
Total Governmental	55,677	60,494	Total Expenditure	115,904	124,852
Business Undertakings—					
Railways	44,669	46,361			
Trams and Buses	6,697	8,146			
Sydney Harbour	1,814	1,760			
Total Revenue	108,857	116,761			

Loan Expenditure on works and services in the seven months ended January was gross £26,162,000 and net (i.e., gross, less repayments to loan account) £25,662,000 in 1955-56, compared with gross £28,964,000 and net £27,449,000 in 1956-57.

51. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups ‡	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
§ (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	...	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	100.00	...
Year : 1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	82	83
1945-46	117	213	147	196	123	148	146
1950-51	999	432	271	689	209	690	654
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	495	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	505	483
1953-54	615	411	325	450	338	496	474
1954-55	538	357	313	511	344	450	431
1955-56	464	324p	320	562	355p	414p	397p
1955: November	437	323	364	549	383	407	391
December	453	315	368	575	364p	414p	398p
1956: January	460	313	361	590	348p	416p	400p
February	460	311	328	592	331p	411p	395p
March	453	312	304	592	322p	404p	388p
April	468	310	273	579	317p	406p	390p
May	498	316p	265	556	324p	420p	403p
June	505||	317p	299	548	335p	428p	411p
July	490	323p	272	549	343p	419p	403p
August	520	326p	261	558	347p	434p	416p
September	566	326p	284	562	348p	460p	440p
October	551p	330p	260	559	350p†	450p	431p
November	581p	328p	252	569	350p	464p	444p
December	588p	330p	242	566	360p	468p	447p

* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. ‡ Includes also sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides. § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a) including Gold and (b) excluding Gold. || Nominal.

52. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Commodities are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials, and one or two minor commodities, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco *	Goods Principally Imported†	Goods Principally Home-produced *	Total, All Groups *
Year : 1938-39	103	82	97	99	101	99	100	100
1950-51	256	641	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52	343	577	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53	392	607	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54	388	566	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55	391	510	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56	404	456	415	345	325	292	352	334
1955: Nov.	404	437	407	342	320	291	346	330
Dec.	404	447	407	342	319	291	346	329
1956: Jan.	405	453	407	343	320	288	348	330
Feb.	405	453	408	343	318	288	346	329
Mar.	405	446	425	350	328	299	354	338
April	403	456	442	353	328	303	355	339
May	410	477	444	357	333	304	361	344
June	409	482	444	357	328	299	358	341
July	410	461	444	358	330	301	360	343
Aug.	409	481	445	362	329	303	361	344
Sept.	411	513	467	368	329	309	363	347
Oct.	410	503p	467	367p	325p	310p	359p	344p
Nov.	413	522p	467	369p	319p	314p	354p	342p
Dec.	412	528p	467	369p	321p	315p	355p	343p
1957: Jan.	412p	533p	467	369p	321p	316p	354p	343p

* Reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions.

† Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This Index does not measure changes in import prices generally.

53. Wholesale Price Indexes: Various Countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France, the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

Base : Average for 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Australia *	New Zealand	South Africa	Canada	U.S.A. †	Sweden	United Kingdom ‡		France	India
							§	¶		
Year : 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56	99	96	97	101	104	98	Base: 30th June, 1949=100		Base: 1949=100	Base: Year ended August, 1939=100
	101	102	103	104	101	103				
	100	102	100	95	95	99				
	297	243	252	229	213	285	175	128	145	414
	319	252	269	216	209	278	152	126	141	385
	319	248	270	214	209	268	143	125	137	397
	322	249	274	211	208	272	147	127	135	363
	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	376
1956 : May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	344	257	282	220	216	295	156	135	143	390
	341	258	281	221	216	298	155	135	141	398
	343	262	281	221	216	294	154	136	140	409
	344	265	282	222	217	293	156	136	142	419
	347	266	284	222	218	292	157	137r	142	420r
	344p	267	284	222	219r	292	155	137r	141r	418r
	342p	263	286	221	219		159	137	143	428
	343p				220		161	137		

* Reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions.

† Current series linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date. ‡ Compilation of the general wholesale price index previously published ceased after December, 1955. § Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. ¶ All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

54. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

(a) Sydney (Group Indexes and Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "C" Series Index†	
1939: September	930	1039	841	939	933	
1945: June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141	
1947: June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194	
1949: June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425	
1951: June	1943	1051	2819	1689	1875	
1953: June	2669	1274	3305	2044	2360	
1954: June	2703	1320	3257	2045	2373	
1955: June	2835	1332	3267	2031	2423	
1955: September	2907	1342	3276	2040	2455	
December	2936	1348	3279	2064	2471	
	(c)	(d)			(a)	(b)
1956: March	2986	2906	1355	3267	2074	2490
June	3128	2979	1359	3279	2135	2556
September	3351	3060	1360	3295	2267	2665
December	3173	3048	1364	3328	2348	2624
					2624	2578

(b) Districts of New South Wales (Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns*
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1949 : June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
1951 : June	1875	1853	1939	1858	1825	1874
1953 : June	2360	2283	2397	2292	2354	2354
1954 : June	2373	2319	2425	2329	2383	2369
1955 : June	2423	2388	2439	2398	2424	2420
1955 : September	2455	2409	2464	2445	2455	2451
December	2471	2425	2487	2472	2474	2468
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
1956 : March	2490	2461	2444	2465	2504	2464
June	2556	2501	2499	2447	2531	2491
September	2665	2559	2604	2503	2644	2539
December	2624	2578	2575	2528	2641	2567
					2638	2570
					2611	2551
					2620	2574

*Weighted average for foregoing five towns.

† Comprising foregoing groups.

(a) Aggregate, all groups. (b) All groups excluding price movements of potatoes and onions, cumulated as from September Quarter, 1955. (c) Aggregate, food and groceries group. (d) Food and groceries group excluding price movements of potatoes and onions, cumulated as from September Quarter, 1955.

55. Basic Wages : Sydney, Adult Males and Females

State and Commonwealth Awards					Month of Change	State Awards		Commonwealth Awards	
Month of Change	Amount per week— Males	Month of Change	Amount per week			Amount per week		Amount per week	
			Males	Females *		Males	Females *	Males	Females
1947: Feb.	s. 108	1950: Dec.	s. 165†	s. d. 123 6	1955: Nov.	s. 253	s. d. 189 6	s.	s. d.
May	110	1951: Feb.	173	129 6	1956: Feb.	255	191 0		
Nov.	112	May	180	135 0	May	256	192 0		
1948: Feb.	114	Aug.	193	144 6	June			253†	189 6†
May	116	Nov.	207	155 0	Aug.	263	197 0		
Aug.	120				Nov.	274	205 6		
Nov.	122	1952: Feb.	216	162 0	1957: Feb.	270	202 6		
1949: Feb.	124	May	223	167 0					
May	127	Aug.	235	176 0					
Aug.	130	Nov.	237	177 6					
Nov.	132	1953: Feb.	238	178 6					
1950: Feb.	135	May	241	180 6					
May	138	Aug.	243†	182 0‡					
Aug.	142								
Nov.	146								

* None declared by Commonwealth Arbitration Court until December, 1950. Under State Awards, the amount shown represents the minimum wage per week payable to adult females.

† Increase resulting from judgment of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court.

‡ Quarterly adjustments for movements in retail prices were suspended in September, 1953, in both Commonwealth and State Awards. They were restored in State Awards in N.S.W. in November, 1955.

56. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number		Adult Males	Adult Females
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†		
1939: Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1939	44.0	43.9
1945: Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362	2660	43.5	43.9
1947: June‡	132.7	82.3	2589	3029	43.5	43.9
1948: June§	149.1	92.4	2909	3402	40.0	40.0
1949: June	165.4	103.5	3227	3811	40.0	40.0
1950: June	179.3	114.3	3499	4206	40.0	40.0
1951: June	228.6	151.0	4461	5558	40.0	40.0
1952: June	270.4	183.1	5277	6738	40.0	40.0
Dec.	284.7	193.9	5555	7138	40.0	40.0
1953: June	289.8	196.7	5655	7240	40.0	40.0
Dec.	296.6	198.4	5788	7302	40.0	40.0
1954: June	296.7	198.5	5790	7305	40.0	40.0
Dec.	298.3	198.6	5820	7311	40.0	40.0
1955: Mar.	302.2	201.0	5896	7398	40.0	40.0
June	302.6	201.0	5904	7398	40.0	40.0
Sept.	303.1	201.7	5914	7424	40.0	40.0
Dec.	310.1	205.2	6051	7553	40.0	40.0
1956: Mar.	312.9	205.9	6106	7579	40.0	40.0
June	317.3	211.4	6192	7779	40.0	40.0
Sept.	321.8	212.8	6279	7834	40.0	40.0
Dec.p	329.5	216.8	6430	7981	40.0	40.0

* Base: Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000.

† Base: Weighted average for Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000.

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